REV. MICHAEL BUCKLEY

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Vicar for Clergy Database

Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

Rev Michael D. Buckley

Current Primary Assignment			
Birth Date	11/4/1927	*Age:*	
Birth Place	Los Angeles, California, USA	*Deanery:*	
Diaconate Ordination			
Priesthood Ordination	4/27/1955		
Diocese Name	Archdiocese of Los Angeles		
Date of Incardination			
Religious Community			
Ritual Ascription	Latin		
Ministry Status	Deceased		
Canon State	Diocesan Priest	*Incard Process*	☐
Begin Pension Date			
Seminary	St. John's Seminary, Camarillo		
Ethnicity	American (USA)		

Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training

Date Background Check

Virtus Training Date

Assignment History

Assignment	*Beginning Date*	*Completion Date*
Deceased, Internment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Culver City.	5/1/2007	
St. John of God Retirement and Care Center, Los Angeles Resident, Retired with No Faculties, FACULTIES REVOKED 9/1/1995	2/12/1997	5/1/2007
Sick Leave	12/12/1994	3/31/1997
Inactive Leave, ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE	3/7/1994	12/11/1994
Administrative Leave	2/25/1994	3/6/1994
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, New Cuyama Pastor, Active Service	1/25/1987	2/24/1994
St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, Avalon Pastor, Active Service	12/25/1986	1/24/1987
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, New Cuyama Pastor, Active Service	1/25/1986	3/31/1994
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, New Cuyama Pastor, Active Service	5/1/1980	12/24/1986

St. Augustine Catholic Church, Culver City Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	12/5/1977	1/28/1979
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Catholic Church, Lomita Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	1/3/1977	12/4/1977
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pomona Administrator, Active Service	7/1/1976	1/2/1977
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Catholic Church, Lomita Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	10/7/1975	6/30/1976
St. Sebastian Catholic Church, Santa Paula Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	6/16/1975	10/6/1975
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Santa Ana Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	1/25/1971	6/15/1975
Active Leave	2/4/1970	1/24/1971
St. Francis Medical Center of Lynwood, Lynwood Chaplain, Active Service	7/26/1966	2/3/1970
Harbor General Hospital/UCLA Medical Center, Torrance Chaplain, Active Service	5/15/1965	2/3/1970
St. Philomena Catholic Church, Carson, Resident	5/15/1965	7/25/1966
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Monrovia Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	11/27/1962	5/14/1965
Epiphany Catholic Church, South El Monte Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/14/1962	11/26/1962
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, North Hollywood Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	1/26/1960	5/13/1962
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	8/22/1957	1/25/1960
Visitation Catholic Church, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	12/12/1956	8/21/1957
St. Pius X Catholic Church, Santa Fe Springs Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/10/1955	12/11/1956

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Dec 1st/59

Report from Fr REDACTED received Nov 25/59 concerning Fr Michael Buckley his Assistant. The Station of two boys in the school, one 13 the other 15, accused Fr Buckley of taking the younger one to the home of a relation of Fr Buckley at a time when no one was there. Indecent exposure on the boy's part took place on the suggestion of Fr Buckley. A similar involvement was reported to have taken place with the older brother on another occasion later on.

REDACTED had suspicions of unusual behavior of Fr Buckley on previous occasions. He had taken work with the altar boys every Sunday. He mentioned the children in the school were aware of this. Fr REDACTED had warned Fr Buckley not to have boys going to his bedroom in the rectory. His recession Fr Buckley leave the parish.

Nov 27- Fr Buckley denied he had done anything wrong although he acknowledged having taken the boys to the home of his relation to help him with work there. When informed he must leave the parish and make a retreat he volunteered he had in mind asking permission to make a 30 day retreat. I proposed he go immediately to Valle Vermo and return to Sacred Heart only to arrange his personal belongings. I

He telephoned later to say he wanted to ~~did~~ go to Mt Baldy. I approved. He was to report to the Chancery upon the completion of the 10 day retreat.

REDACTED

March 4, 1965

Lear Monsgr.,

We were informed to contact you. We request the removal of Rev. Michael Buckley from this immediate area.

We do not wish to go into detail here. You may contact the Pastor. He has been informed.

If this is not done, we may picket the rectory.

Irate Parents

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March 25, 1965

Dear Bishop Manning,

We have written to Msgr. Hawkes regarding Rev. Michael Buckley; no answer or action has been taken. We requested his removal from this area for grave moral reasons. Msgr Dee has received several reports from parishioners suspecting his moral fitness. No action has been taken to date.

If no action is taken, six parents will picket the rectory and then submit a formal protest which will be signed. We are thinking seriously of this action. We wish it to be done quietly.

Msgr Dee has the information you need. We believe Msgr Dee is protecting him.

We know for a fact that he has questioned him and has some doubt as to the fitness of his moral behavior. Charity can be carried only to a point in this matter. We can understand the loyalty of Msgr Dee to his priests.

Please investigate further.

Thank you,

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12/91. Letter from REDACTED sent to Bishop Fisher an forwarded to me. Called Mr. REDACTED who related the following: REDACTED
REDACTED I had a number of awful experiences in my life and this was only one of them -- but, because it involved a priest, it did affect and confuse me./ When I was 13-14 yrs. of age I answered phones and doors at the rectory at Holy Innocents, L.B. One visiting priest(who'd come every week or two) seemed to be a cordial friend of REDACTED ./ He'd come to the back door. He would give me an affectionate embrace -- that's the way it began. It progressed to the point of a passionate kiss. When that happened, it scared me and I backed away. He'd back me into a corner. There was never any genital contact nor attempt at rape, but full kissing on the mouth and full physical embraces. On a lot of occasions, he had alcohol on his breath. There were 6-10 experiences of this kind./ My daytime # is REDACTED // Check file/ Talk to REDACTED/ Meet with REDACTED
12/91. Called REDACTED he was defensive about Buckley. Said that in those years Fr. Buckley was chaplain at Lynwood Hospital. REDACTED had also called REDACTED to relate the story.

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VICAR FOR CLERGY NOTES REV. MICHAEL BUCKLEY

February 17, 1994

Testimony by phone re Michael Buckley by REDACTED

Have had this inside me for 30 years. Can no longer hold this in. The recent REDACTED case back here on East Coast affected me a great deal.

I had a memory of being abused bya Catholic priest.

Immaculate Conception, Monrovia, where I grew up. Father Buckley was transferred to Harbor General.

He made friends with my family; was there a lot. Within a year of going to Habor General, my parents gave him permission to take me with him for a weekend. I believe it happened more than once, but ONCE I clearly remember staying overnight at Harbor General in his room.

Slept in same bed that night and that is when it happened: Felatio. He performed felatio on me and forced me to do it to him. Veiled threat that I couldn't tell anyone.

Within a year, I was taking drugs. Got on drugs and alcohol for 20 years.

I am sober for many years now and am free and o.k. even back in ~~church~~

Note: Father Buckley was assigned to Harbor General May 15, 1965.
REDACTED at that time was 14 years old.

REDACTED = younger brother of REDACTED REDACTED
REDACTED (T. Dyer friend
and classmate.)

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NOTES - Priest: Rev. Michael Buckley

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February 19, 1994

Meeting: Monsignors Dyer REDACTED and REDACTED
REDACTED sister and brother)

Not present: REDACTED mother of REDACTED

Phone #'s: REDACTED

REDACTED reports that he was molested by Father Michael Buckley over a period of 5 years (1970-75) from 8th grade thru high school. It was gradual, starting with back scratching and playing around. It progressed to oral copulation and masturbation performed on REDACTED Father Buckley asked REDACTED to reciprocate. REDACTED said he tried once, but just couldn't do it.

Father Buckley also stuck his penis between REDACTED legs until he ejaculated. He talked about anal intercourse, but never tried it.

This serious abuse took place about 10 to 15 times. "It stopped the night my sister walked in my bedroom and caught him in bed with me. My mother confronted him, insisted he never come back to their house, and then personally reported the matter to Cardinal Manning."

REDACTED and his sister REDACTED say that Father Buckley admitted his behavior to Mrs. REDACTED, defended that behavior as normal and alright, and said Mrs. REDACTED was making too much of it.

FAther Buckley often told REDACTED about his other sexual activities, picking up young men and taking them to motels, etc. He assured REDACTED there was nothing wrong with this. When REDACTED attempted to go to Confession to Father Buckley, he again assured him nothing was wrong. [REDACTED said: "He did let me go to Confession. Never gave me a big penance."]

REDACTED, REDACTED younger brother, reports that Father Buckley kissed him fondled his genitals, forcefully, on several occasions. REDACTED older brother, walked in on and witnessed this abuse. REDACTED claims Father Buckley tried the same behavior on him

REDACTED related his experiences in a forthright and matter-of-fact manner. He said he wouldn't be reporting this now, but for protecting potential victims. REDACTED had counseling through Orange County Mental Health, in which a therapist, who happened to be Christian, led him through a visualization process that helped him deal with his hurt and then "forgive" Father Buckley. REDACTED is presently [redacted] Manager of the REDACTED REDACTED

These molestations started while Father Buckley was assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Santa Ana, and continued while he served at St. Sebastian Parish, Santa Paula.

DATE INITIATED: Feb 19 '94

NAME: Rev. MICHAEL (DAN) BUCKLEY ()

PERSON MAKING ALLEGATION: REDACTED REDACTED

REPORT/ALLEGATION: Child Molestation } 2 independent allegations (C-File) 051:
Child Molestation }

ARCHDIOCESAN ATTORNEY/INSURANCE NOTIFIED: [date]

THERAPISTS/DOCTORS: ()
[priest] ()

ADDITIONAL CONTACT REDACTED REDACTED
~~THERAPISTS/DOCTORS~~: (
[for others]
ADVOCATE: F (

~~ADDITIONAL CONTACT~~
~~PERSONS:~~ ~~Attorney~~ REDACTED

ADDITIONAL CONTACT
~~ADVOCATES/ATTORNEY~~: REDACTED

CASE CHRONOLOGY:

2/18 CALL from REDACTED (asked to put allegations in writing)

DATE

2/19 MET with REDACTED — allegations made REDACTED present

2/19 CALLS made to New Cuyama rectory. Message left 3x:
"Fr. Buckley, the Card. orders you to be present at my office ASAP."
(calls made throughout the week / parishioners indicate Fr. B = in Fresno
located by REDACTED

2/26-27 REDACTED meets Fr. B., tells him he is suspended fr. faculties.

REDACTED provide at attend liturgies

3/1/94 Fr. B. contacts me + appt is set for 3/5/94, 11Am

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ADDITIONAL CONTACT REDACTED who sees REDACTED
him on occasion

MSGR DYER.

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REDACTED

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MEMORANDUM

February 20, 1994

TO: Cardinal Mahony

FROM: Father Timothy Dyer

RE: Fr. Michael (Dan) Buckley

On February 17th and 19th two independent allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Fr. Dan Buckley were reported to this Office.

In the first case, REDACTED (brother of REDACTED REDACTED and my classmate) reported that when Fr. Buckley was transferred from Immaculate Conception, Monrovia (where he met him in 1962) to Harbor General Hospital (1965) he Kept him overnight in his room and performed and forced REDACTED to perform a number of sexual acts. Mr. REDACTED now lives in REDACTED and will write us a version of these events along with submission of therapy bills.

The second case was reported by Mr. REDACTED who, in the company of his sister, REDACTED, here in the Office, told REDACTED and me that Fr. Buckley had engaged him and several of his brothers in sexual acts during the time that Fr. Buckley was assigned to Immaculate Heart parish in Santa Ana (1971-75). One of his sisters caught Fr. Buckley in his (REDACTED bed one night when Father was a guest in the family home. Mrs. REDACTED, accompanied by a friend, was given an appointment with Cardinal Manning who promised Fr. Buckley would never again be given an assignment which included proximity to children. (There is an undated phone message to Msgr. Rawden in the file indicating that Mrs. REDACTED had alleged child molestation. There is no record of follow-up.) REDACTED and his sister asked that I speak to their mother -- as she may have names of other families whose children may have been affected. I am in the process of calling her.

Throughout the weekend I have tried to locate Fr. Buckley. I left three messages on his machine on February 18th -- instructing him to be in my office at noon on February 19th. I left him my schedule and numbers. He made no contact. When I got home from the office last night (Saturday, 19th) I found a recorded message from him from 11:00 am. I have continued calling since last night and find that he now has his phone recorder turned off. If I cannot reached him by tonight, I will ask Msgr. [redacted] to make a trip to New Cuyama tomorrow.

Msgr. [redacted] is already planning to be at the weekend Masses (February 26-27th) to announce that Fr. Buckley will not be returning to that assignment.

We must continue all our efforts - a letter needed at this time - registered -

+ RMM

2-23-94

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Office of Vicar for Clergy (213) 251-3284
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles California 90015-1194

February 25, 1994

Rev. Michael D. Buckley
Immaculate Conception Church
4793 Cebrian
P O Box 257
New Cuyama, CA 93254-0257

Dear Father Buckley:

After repeated calls to you throughout last week--since February 17, you have not responded to messages I have left on behalf of the Cardinal.

I must inform you that serious allegations have been made against you which must be confronted immediately.

At this time, your priestly faculties are suspended, and you are relieved of duties at Immaculate Conception Church, New Cuyama while we investigate these allegations.

Monsignor John Rohde will inform parishioners this weekend at Saturday evening and Sunday Masses of the situation in general and your absence from the parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

cc: Monsignor John Rohde, Episcopal Vicar

REDACTED

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[redacted]

DATE: February 26, 1994

FROM: Msgr. Dyer

TO: C-File Michael Buckley

RE: [redacted]

I spoke with REDACTED and asked "Do you know of any familites I should be in touch with who may have had involvement with Father Buckley?"

She answered "No, I don't. Except REDACTED . I think her son was approached by Father."

REDACTED

I will get in touch with her as soon as possible.

[redacted]

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2/26/94

MSGR. TIM BYER.

THIS STATEMENT OF MINE MUST BE VIEWED AS BEING ONLY PARTIALLY COMPLETE, AS THESE MEMORIES HAVE BEEN LOCKED AWAY FOR 28 YEARS AND HAVE ONLY RECENTLY SURFACED.

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I HAVE SUFFERED IMMEASURABLE PAIN AND GUILT AS THE RESULT OF THIS PRIEST'S ACTIONS ON AN INNOCENT BOY. I AM AN ALCOHOLIC AND DOPE ADDICT W/ ELEVEN YEARS IN RECOVERY AND THESE MEMORIES HAVE STILL PARALYZED ME FOR THE LAST 2 MONTHS.

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EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EMPLOYEE NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	HOME DEPT	REGULAR RATE	OVERTIME RATE	PREMIUM RATE	PERIOD ENDING DATE
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	20	9.000	13.500	0.000	10 DEC 1993

EARNINGS AND BENEFITS

DESCRIPTION	HOURS	AMOUNT
Regular	40.00	360.00

TOTAL EARNINGS	360.00
TOTAL YEAR-TO-DATE	1,859.00

DEDUCTIONS AND BENEFITS

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TO-DATE

TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	0.00
TOTAL BENEFITS	0.00

TAXES

TYPE	AMOUNT	YEAR-TO-DATE
FIT	19.60	75.65
SOC S	22.32	115.27
MEDIC	5.22	26.97
VT	6.64	27.21

TOTAL TAXES	53.78

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MSGR. Tim Dyer
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March 7, 1994

Rev. Michael D. Buckley
Daniel Freeman Marina Hospital
EXODUS UNIT
4650 Lincoln Blvd.
Marina del Rey CA 90292

Dear Father Buckley:

When you came to the Chancery Office on Saturday, March 5 to meet with Bishop-Elect Curry and me, you brought along a friend, REDACTED who is also a lawyer. At the start of our meeting, I asked REDACTED if he was there as a friend or as a lawyer, and he replied that he was there in both capacities. At this point, Both Bishop-Elect Curry and I stated that we could not continue the meeting under those conditions.

Our reason for objecting to the presence of a civil lawyer was that the matter we had to deal with was a religious and not a civil matter. We stated that the issue involved the relationship between the Archbishop and one of his priests, and that it was one that came within the scope of the free exercise of religion protected by the United States Constitution.

As you are aware, we ask that you enter the EXODUS Unit of Marina Mercy Hospital today, and receive the care of professionals in the psychiatric unit for the remainder of this week. We will make arrangements for you to then fly to Washington, D.C. on Sunday, March 13, where you will be met by a staff person from St. Luke Institute, who will drive you to the Institute in Suitland, Maryland. Your evaluation will be from March 13-18, and we will discuss, at the end of that week, the recommendations included in the Institute's report.

Please know that I will support you in every way possible, and you may call on me at any time. Thank you for your cooperation with this protocol.

My office phone: REDACTED

My home phone:

May God bless you.

In Christ,

Timothy J. Dyer

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

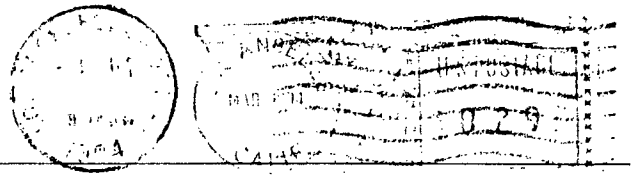
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Buckley P.M.

MEMORANDUM CONFIDENTIAL

March 8, 1994

TO: MONSIGNOR DYER

FROM: REDACTED

RE: REV. MICHAEL BUCKLEY

I had a call from REDACTED at St. Luke's this morning to confirm that Father Buckley would be coming there for the 13th.

I told her we were in limbo at this point and she said she will hold until the last minute.

Meantime, I had another call from REDACTED at the Regional Office. She said that REDACTED had no way of getting any money. REDACTED is calling the New Cuyama rectory to see if they can work out something.

It is not so simple as changing names on signature cards as it seems Father Buckley long, long, long ago closed out the bank account for which we have his signature.

This came to light when Msgr. Curry contacted REDACTED to ask that Father Buckley be taken off the signature cards. No one knows what account he has been using. There is a possibility of finding out,if that is important. At the time he got his car he was asked to pay for part of the cost and he used the parish account and we could trace that check by way of Accounting.

Also, FR. BUCKLEY HAS BEEN AT THE NEW CUYAMA RECTORY. WAS THERE THIS MORNING. TOOK OFF AGAIN AND WOULD NOT TELL REDACTED WHERE HE WAS GOING. PICKED UP HIS MAIL. THE INFERENCE WAS THAT HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH PERIODICALLY. YOU MAY WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS. REDACTED TAPE MACHINE IS BROKEN SO I COULDN'T GIVE HIM THAT MESSAGE. WE CHECKED MARINA HOSPITAL AGAIN THIS A.M. AND HE HASN'T BEEN THERE.

REDACTED reported REDACTED had been going to ask for volunteers for the May 29 barbecue from the pulpit this weekend. She asked if he should hold off on that. I told her yes.

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REDACTED

March 11, 1994

Rev. Msgr. Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90014

Dear Msgr. Dyer:

Father Michael D. Buckley, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in New Cuyama, met with me yesterday. During this meeting he shared with me your letter to him of February 25, 1994 in which you inform him that his "priestly faculties are suspended," that he is relieved of his duties at the parish, and that Monsignor Rohde would inform the parish the following weekend of the situation in general. Father Buckley informs me that the parish was informed that "serious allegations" had been made against him. Father Buckley has sought my advice and counsel and I have agreed to assist him as his canonical advocate. I will probably suggest to him that I be appointed his procurator as well.

Accordingly, I would appreciate receiving from the Archdiocese a mandate for Father Buckley's signature authorizing me to serve as his advocate and officials of the Archdiocese to provide me with appropriate information so that I can effectively assist him. I am particularly interested in the acts and proofs generated prior to the inflicting of this de facto penalty. As you are no doubt aware, faculties are typically conceded habitually and enjoyed unless otherwise revoked for cause. Moreover, I would be interested in understanding how it was felt necessary to violate his right to a good reputation by means of the announcement at the parish. I call your attention to canon 220 of the Code of Canon Law as well as the succeeding canons which further articulate the proper protection of rights in general, specifically canon 221. Formally, on behalf of Father Buckley I am notifying you of his intention to defend his reputation vigorously in accord with the norm of law. More particularly, he has not resigned the office of pastor and is not inclined to do so at this point. He remains ready and willing to apply his priestly efforts to the salvation of souls in service of the Archdiocese.

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Father Buckley and I will be meeting shortly to discuss the recourse available to him against the Archdiocese for the loss of reputation. Since he has been told to vacate his residence, I have advised Father Buckley that he is entitled to sustenance sufficient to meet his material needs at least during the interim until this situation is resolved properly. I have instructed him to make appropriate arrangements for residence and to keep me informed of his activities and have also notified him that he should do the same for the Archdiocese.

I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience. My office is REDACTED - REDACTED . My residence is REDACTED . Thank you in advance for your cooperation and courtesy in this matter.

Sincerely yous in Christ,

REDACTED

cc: His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahoney, DD

REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED 3/11/94 8:43 AM 1/3



RUSH TO: Rev. Msgr. Timothy J. Dyer, Archdiocese of Los

FAX: REDACTED

FROM: REDACTED

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Friday, March 11, 1994

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tim Dyer

FROM: Craig Cox

RE: Father Michael D. Buckley

DATE: 11 March 1994

I have reviewed Father REDACTED letter. Let me first note that Father REDACTED is a solid man and should be a good person with whom to work in this matter.

Attached is a mandate for procurator-advocate for Father Buckley to sign in this regard.

Attached is a draft of a letter to be sent to him. It is very preliminary since you and I should discuss it a bit.

In reflecting on the situation, I do not believe that revocation of faculties makes sense in this situation. Since the office of pastor has very significant faculties attached to the office itself, removing the standard Archdiocesan faculties would accomplish very little.

It seems to me that what we want is a number of things:

1) that Father Buckley resign as pastor;
2) that he be professionally evaluated;
3) based on that evaluation, other actions may be appropriate, perhaps accepting an early retirement.

If he is not willing to cooperate, we could initiate the formal procedure for the removal of a pastor (canons 1740-1747). My sense from what little you said is that we have real concerns about his psychological stability. This would provide a recognized reason for removal.

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March 14, 1994

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Dear Father REDACTED

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May God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

Enclosure: Mandate

cc: Rev. Michael D. Buckley

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Given by me on the _____ day of _____, 1994.

Reverend Michael D. Buckley

Ecclesiastical Witness/Public Notary

Official Seal

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MEMORANDUM

March 14, 1994

TO: Cardinal Mahony

FROM: Father Timothy Dyer

RE: Attached

I would appreciate your reviewing the draft letter prepared by Msgr. Cox as a response to the letter from REDACTED . If you approve it, I will send it out today. We will then be in a position where I can ask Fr. REDACTED to have Fr. Buckley cooperate with us in the matter of psychological evaluation.

This is fine! Proceed —
• RMK
3-14-94

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Office of Vicar for Clergy (213) 251-3284
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles California 90015-1194

March 14, 1994

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Reverend Michael D. Buckley

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MESSAGE CONFIRMATION

DATE:03/15/94 TIME:10:32

ID:ARCHDIOCESE LA F

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Office of Vicar for Clergy (213) 251-3284
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles California 90015-1194

March 15, 1994

Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish, New Cuyama:

Due to the absence from the parish of your Pastor, Father Michael Buckley, Cardinal Mahony has directed that this year's Annual Barbecue and Raffle be rescheduled to a later date.

Thus I would appreciate your spreading the word to all those who have been invited to contribute to the raffle that it will not take place in May 1994.

At an appropriate time, the Cardinal, in conjunction with now Bishop-elect Thomas Curry, will address the present situation at Immaculate Conception Parish, as well as the future of activities there, including the Annual Barbecue.

Until then, we ask that you continue the apostolic works in which you have been involved, support Father REDACTED --for whose assistance the Archdiocese is most grateful--and keep Father Michael Buckley in your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Timothy O. Dyer

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

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MAR-17-1994 13:27 REDACTED

03/15/94

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Given by me on the 17th day of March, 1994.

Reverend Michael D. Buckley

REDACTED

Official Seal

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MAR-17-1994 13:27 REDACTED

REDACTED

March 17, 1994

Msgr. Timothy J. Dyer
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Office of Vicar for Clergy
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015-1194

Dear Msgr. Dyer:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 14. Enclosed herewith please find the mandate signed by Father Buckley. I will fax a copy of this letter and the mandate to your office. Father Buckley would like to resolve the situation as quickly as possible. We can discuss the situation at your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ.
REDACTED

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Reverend Michael D. Buckley

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

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1531
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Los Angeles
California
90015-1194

March 31, 1994

REDACTED

REDACTED

Dear REDACTED

I wish to put in writing for you a summary of the events that have transpired since our meeting in my office on February 19, 1994.

Following that meeting, I called Father Buckley and could only reach his answering machine over the course of five days. I finally asked for assistance through the Dean of the area, Father REDACTED who put me in touch with a member of the parish. This parishioner told me that Father Buckley was visiting his nephew in Fresno. I then asked Monsignor John Rohde, the Episcopal Vicar for the Santa Barbara Region at that time, to announce at the Mass on Sunday that Father Buckley was on administrative leave from the parish. Finally, on Saturday, March 5, Father Buckley met with me and REDACTED REDACTED. We related your allegation and asked him to submit to an immediate psychological evaluation. He did not appear at the hospital as he had agreed to do, but he has made contact with a priest in Oakland, with hom we are also now in touch. Through this priest, we hope to return Father Buckley to Los Angeles and then send him on for psychological evaluation.

While Father Buckley himself is legally and morally responsible for the consequences of his actions, the Archdiocese will step in at this point to grant immediate therapeutic assistance to you until such time as he is able to fulfill his own responsibilities in that regard. I am sorry to tell you that Father Buckley has not admitted to the acts alleged by you.

I also stand ready to meet with any other members of your family or other persons of your acquaintance who may have similar experiences to relate regarding Father Buckley, as we would want to reach out in assistance to them also. In this regard, I have spoken to your mother, as I promised. She was not able to give me information about others whom I should contact, but she did suggest I talk to REDACTED REDACTED her former neighbor. I have not done that yet, but will do so very soon.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles California 90015-1194

April 4, 1994

REDACTED

Dear Father REDACTED

Attached is a memorandum prepared by our Finance Department summarizing the salary situation with regard to Father Buckley over the last several years.

I have not provided you with the attached addenda mentioned therein, but can do so if you wish.

Thank you for your help in all the matters about which we have spoken in the last few weeks. I have made arrangements for Father Buckley to go to Mater Dolorosa Retreat House beginning April 4, and have made arrangements for a 5-day Evaluation at St. Luke Institute beginning May 1, 1994.

Although we made every effort, it was impossible to get an earlier date for the Evaluation. We will arrange for Father Buckley's flight to and from St. Luke's, and he can be in contact with my office about the details of arrival and departure.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

REDACTED

Attachment

10541

REDACTED

Called - I am expecting a call back from him - pls put him thru

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 6, 1994

FROM: REDACTED

TO: Monsignor Timothy Dyer

RE: Rev. Michael Buckley

Monday, May 1, is the very first date available for the residential evaluation at St. Luke Institute.

I have reserved it for Michael Buckley.

REDACTED is our contact person.

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MEMORANDUM

This info also given by REDACTED to REDACTED phone 4/15/94

DATE: April 14, 1994

FROM: REDACTED

TO: Monsignor Dyer

RE: Rev. Michael Buckley

I spoke with Fr. REDACTED at New Cuyama today. In the course of the conversation he told me that he was about to call Bishop Curry with the following information (which he also gave me because I mentioned it was information you should have also).

Fr. Buckley, he said, was living in Santa Maria with REDACTED at REDACTED REDACTED. The phone there is Fr. REDACTED. said he had this information from Fr. Buckley nephew (?). Fr. Buckley is supposedly planning to be at New Cuyama around noon this coming Monday (April 18) to "take away all this things." Fr. REDACTED says it will be more than one truckload he imagines. Both he and the nephew agree that Fr. Buckley is "sick". Needless to say, Fr. REDACTED added that if Fr. Buckley should learn you know of this, he will not show up there.

I had REDACTED check with Mater Dolorosa (who had originally told us Fr. Buckley had arrived there a day later than expected). Turns out the person she spoke to was in error. He had not arrived there and never has. Thus we have not proceeded further with purchase of airline tickets or arrangements for St. Luke's. Where he is due May 1, I think.

[redacted]

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MEMORANDUM

MAY 13, 1994

TO: ALL PASTORS

FROM: MONSIGNOR TIMOTHY DYER, VICAR FOR CLERGY T.D.

RE: REV. MICHAEL BUCKLEY

I would appreciate any help you can give me in my efforts to locate Father Michael "Dan" Buckley.

If he contacts you or your parishioners, please inform my office--REDACTED or contact me at home--REDACTED

If you should speak personally to Father Buckley, please ask him to contact me.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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C- Buckley

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 23, 1994

FROM: REDACTED

TO: [redacted] Dyer

RE: Rev. Michael Buckley

We had a call from the Santa Barbara Regional Office. Bishop not there as yet. Following report from REDACTED

Josephite Father REDACTED called the Regional Office to say that Father Michael Buckley has been staying overnite there periodically. And he is actually living at the REDACTED address in Santa Maria.

Fr. REDACTED thought he should let someone know. Says the person to talk to about whatever hospitality Josephites are extending is Father REDACTED (assume that is [redacted] Mayhew) at the Josephite House.

REDACTED

FYI Fr. Buckley [redacted] by us, etc., etc.

10523

MEMORANDUM

June 27, 1994

TO: . Cardinal Mahony

FROM: Father Timothy Dyer

RE: Fr. Michael Buckley

At the suggestion of his Advocate, I believe it is time for you to notify the bishops of the California Conference re the situation with Fr. Buckley. Attached is the FAX we sent to the parishes.

I continue to try to reach Fr. Buckley without success but was just advised that the Josephites in Santa Maria have occasionally been offering him hospitality (I have a call in to Fr. REDACTED .

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FILE COPY

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Office of the Archbishop (213) 251-3288

1531 West Ninth Street

Los Angeles California 90015-1194

FAX MEMORANDUM

July 5, 1994

TO: Archbishop John Quinn
Bishop John Cummins
Bishop Pierre DuMaine
Bishop Donald Montrose
Bishop William Weigand
Bishop G. Patrick Ziemann
Bishop Robert Brom
Bishop Norman McFarland
Bishop Sylvester Ryan
Bishop John Steinbock
Bishop Phillip Straling

FROM: Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

+ Roger Card. Mahony

SUBJECT: Father Michael "Dan" Buckley

Father Michael "Dan" Buckley is a priest of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles whom we need to contact in a most serious and active fashion.

He has been relieved of his pastorate here in the Archdiocese, and we understand that he is moving about in California.

He should not be granted temporary faculties or permission to celebrate Mass or any of the Sacraments.

If you or any of your Diocesan officials hear from him, please urge him to contact me at once at the following numbers: REDACTED Office of Monsignor Timothy Dyer, Vicar for Clergy.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this serious matter.

REDACTED

10509

MESSAGE CONFIRMATION

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TRANSACTION REPORT

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TRANSACTION REPORT

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TRANSACTION REPORT

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TRANSACTION REPORT

JUL- 5-94 TUE 11:33

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Office of the Archbishop (213) 251-3288

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July 8, 1994

Reverend Michael Dan Buckley
REDACTED

Dear Father Buckley:

As you know, we have been trying desperately to make personal contact with you, but have found you unresponsive to our various calls and our attempts to contact you.

Please contact me or the Office of the Vicar for the Clergy as quickly as you can.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Roger Card. Mahony

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

REDACTED

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Office of the Archbishop (213) 251-3288

1531 West Ninth Street

Los Angeles California 90015-1194

July 8, 1994

REDACTED

Josephite Fathers
180 Patterson Road
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Dear REDACTED

I am not certain whether you are aware of this or not, but we have been trying for many weeks now to make personal contact with Father Michael Dan Buckley -- without result.

I understand that from time to time the Josephites offer him hospitality at your Josephite House there in Santa Maria.

May I please ask that you not offer such hospitality, but, because of the seriousness of the issues before, that you urge Father Buckley to contact me directly or the Office of the Vicar for the Clergy.

Thanking you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter, and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Roger [redacted] Mahony

Cardinal [redacted] Mahony
Archbishop [redacted] Angeles

REDACTED

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 13, 1994

TO: REDACTED

FROM:

RE: Rev. Michael Daniel Buckley

REDACTED
REDACTED called regarding Father Buckley.

REDACTED received a call from REDACTED, Pastor of the Church of the Assumption, Tomales, Ca. (Marin Co.) located in the northern end of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Father Buckley apparently had called Father REDACTED from Santa Maria offering to do summer supply. Father Buckley arrived at Assumption and did celebrate Mass there over the weekend, leaving on Monday, July 11.

Father REDACTED contacted REDACTED because he has some doubts about Father Buckley--Father REDACTED impression was that Father Buckley might have had "early Alzheimer". Father Buckley told Father REDACTED that "he had keys to over 25 churches in Los Angeles." However, Father REDACTED indicated that no problems had arisen.

Father Buckley told Father REDACTED that he was planning to visit some friends at Russian River. It so happens that Father REDACTED knew the family also: The REDACTED Family, P O Box REDACTED

I gave Father REDACTED both the Cardinal's Office number as well as our direct number. Father REDACTED indicated he would call if he had any further information.

Father REDACTED may be reached as follows:

REDACTED
Church of the Assumption
26825 Shoreline Highway
P O Box 82
Tomales, CA 94971-0082

Tel: (707) 878-2208

10507

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cardinal Roger M. Mahony

FROM: Monsignor Craig A. Cox

RE: Reverend Michael D. Buckley

DATE: 1 August 1994

I understand that there is a priest who is available to take over the parish in New Cuyama. Before such a person validly can be named as pastor, you must officially remove Father Buckley from office (canon 153, §1).

In Father Buckley's absence, we do have a mandate for his advocate. I have spoken with the advocate with regard to this. That will simplify matters.

Several of the reasons for removal given in canon 1741 are verified. I am sure his file already has all the material needed to verify this. You need to discuss the matter with two pastors from the list approved by the Presbyteral Council (canon 1742, §1). A conference call would be appropriate. A brief memo should be made of the results of that consultation, and they should be sent a copy to sign.

Since Father Buckley still cannot be found, you are free to skip the requirement of trying to persuade him to resign. You can then move directly to the decree of removal (canon 1744, §2). We will issue the decree of removal to his procurator/advocate. It will take effect and then you can appoint the new pastor you wish.

I will gladly provide the decree needed for the actual removal. Please proceed with the consultation first. As soon as that is completed, I will prepare the appropriate documents for you.

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REDACTED

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Individual ~ Marital
Family Psychotherapy
Educational and Therapy Groups
Consultations

REDACTED

CLIENT: c/o ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
Monsignor TIMOTHY DYER

DATES OF SERVICE:	**AMOUNT DUE:**
5/4/94	$70.00 1 HR.
5/18/94	$ 70.00 1 HR.
5/25/94	$ 70.00 1 HR.
6/1/94	$ 70.00 1 HR.
6/8/94	$ 70.00 1 HR.
6/15/94	$ 70.00 1 HR.
6/29/94	$105.00 1.5 HR.

TOTAL DUE $ 525.00

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Keep on File —
Michael Buckley C-file

REDACTED

→ called 8/18 to say Buckley had been there – harassing her to stay at her house

August 30, 1994
2:45

MEMORANDUM

August 25, 1994

TO: Cardinal Mahony

FROM: Father Timothy Dyer

RE: Fr. Michael Buckley

Chronological dates:

-- 2/18/94 Allegations from REDACTED

-- 2/19/94 Allegations from REDACTED

-- 2/19/94 Three messages left on the parish recording machine

-- 2/26/94 Msgr. Rhode meets with Fr. Buckley telling him to present himself to the Cardinal's Office asap

-- 3/5/94 Fr. Buckley meets with B. Curry and Fr. Dyer -- told to report to Exodus Psychiatric Clinic on March 7th and to reside there until the date of his departure for St. Luke's Inst. in mid-March.

— 3/7/94 Fr. Buckley does not show up at Exodus and has not made any contact with this office since that date.

Suggested Pastors for Consultation:

Fr. John G. Fitzgerald (Dean - deanery #1)
Fr. Richard Loomis (Dean - deanery #3)

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SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION

In accord with Canon 1742, I discussed the question of the removal of Father Michael Buckley from his office as Pastor of Immaculate Conception, New Cuyama, CA with Father John Fitzgerald, V.F. and Father Richard Loomis, V.F., both of whom are Pastors from the group permanently selected by the Presbyteral Council.

On Tuesday afternoon, August 30, 1994, I held a telephone conference call with Father John Fitzgerald, V.F. [Queen of Angels Church, 3495 Rucker Road, Lompoc, CA 93436] and with Father Richard Loomis, V.F. [St. Anthony Church, 2511 South "C" Street, P.O. Box 2215, Oxnard, CA 93034].

The purpose of the conference call was for me to consult with these two canonically established priest advisors about the feasibility of seeking the canonical removal of the Reverend Michael D. Buckley, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, New Cuyama, California. This conference call discussion was in accordance with Canons 1741 - 1742 of the Code of Canon Law.

I told Fathers Fitzgerald and Loomis that on February 18, 1994 and February 19, 1994, two separate men reported to Monsignor Timothy Dyer, my Vicar for the Clergy, that Father Buckley had engaged in improper sexual misconduct with them years ago in a previous parish assignment. Monsignor Dyer believed the testimony of these two men, and on February 19, 1994 he attempted to contact Father Buckley by telephone. Monsignor Dyer left three separate messages on Father Buckley's answering machine, but Father Buckley did not return any of these calls.

On February 26, 1994 Monsignor John Rohde, the Episcopal Vicar for the Santa Barbara Pastoral Region, met with Father Buckley to impress upon him the seriousness of this matter and of the allegations, and ordered him to present himself to my office as quickly as possible.

On March 5, 1994, Father Buckley met with Bishop Thomas Curry and with Monsignor Timothy Dyer at the Chancery Office. Father Buckley was told to report to the Exodus Psychiatric Clinic on March 7, 1994, and to reside there until the date of his departure to St. Luke's Institute in Maryland. It was anticipated that his departure to St. Luke's Institute would be in mid-March.

Father Buckley did not go to the Exodus Clinic, nor did he go to St. Luke's Institute, rather, he fled from the area and has remained out of contact by anyone in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

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I myself have written letters to various people who might see him or have contact with him in California, urging them to have Father Buckley contact me at once. To date, Father Buckley has made no effort to contact me or any responsible official of this Archdiocese.

Given that the behavior of Father Buckley has been gravely detrimental to the parish community and given his total neglect of parochial duties, as well as the fact that Immaculate Conception Parish in New Cuyama must have a qualified Pastor assigned, I am now pursuing the Canonical procedures for the removal of Father Buckley as the Pastor. It is imperative that Immaculate Conception Parish have assigned an active Pastor who is in good standing and who is properly qualified to exercise his ministry for the good of the parishioners and of that parish community.

Having explained the background and the circumstances to Fathers Fitzgerald and Loomis, they concurred that it was appropriate for me to proceed with the removal of Father Buckley.

+ Roger Cardinal Mahony
Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

We have reviewed this summary and agree that it accurately reflects the Consultation.

Rev. John F. Fitzgerald
Father John Fitzgerald, V.F.

Fr. Richard A. Loomis
Father Richard Loomis, V.F.

August 30, 1994

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Office of Vicar for Clergy (213) 251-3284
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles California 90015-1194

September 13, 1994

REDACTED

Dear REDACTED

Enclosed is check in the amount of $525.

This is to cover therapy expense for REDACTED from May 9, 1994 through June 29, 1994.

With thanks for your patience, I remain

Sincerely yours,

REDACTED
REDACTED

REDACTED

Enclosure

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REDACTED

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(A CORPORATION SOLE)
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Cardinal Roger Mahony

FROM: Monsignor Craig A. Cox

RE: Reverend Michael Dan Buckley

DATE: 16 September 1994

Attached is a copy of my letter to REDACTED Procurator and Advocate for Father Buckley.

Since I will be on vacation when the deadline given comes, I wanted to provide the following recommendations:

1. If REDACTED believes that his mandate is sufficient to resign on behalf of Father Buckley, you should issue a letter to Father Buckley "in care of" REDACTED accepting the resignation as effective immediately in accord with canon 189. You would then be free to appoint a new pastor.

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3. Should REDACTED raise any objections, please consult with one of the other canonists. Or, you could wait until I return on October 17. It might be necessary to revise the text of the decree to take into account REDACTED objections.

4. Finally, I am of the opinion that whatever way this develops, we should send the matter to the Congregation for the Clergy and ask that they review it. If they have any problem with the procedure, we should ask that they sanate the action. Since the Code is silent on what to do when the pastor is not able to be located, this would be the best way to assure the action will not later be overturned. We can discuss this on my return.

cc: Monsignor Dyer

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tim Dyer
FROM: Craig Cox
RE: Michael Dan Buckley
DATE: 16 September 1994

Enclosed is a copy of a memo to the Cardinal and other material.

Please be sure the chronology and original copy of the "Summary of Consultation" is included in the file of Father Buckley, along with these other items.

I think the rest is self-explanatory. Thanks.

Summary of Consultation + chronology are attached.

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Office of the Archdiocesan Tribunal (213) 251-3245

933 South Grattan Street

Los Angeles California 90015-1100

REDACTED

September 16, 1994

Dear Father REDACTED

At the direction of Cardinal Mahony, I am writing you in your capacity as the mandated procurator and advocate for Reverend Michael Dan Buckley.

As you know, Father Buckley has been absent without leave for several months. As you also know, he has concealed his whereabouts from any official of the Archdiocese. I believe he has even concealed his whereabouts from you.

Given the pastoral needs of Immaculate Conception Church in New Cuyama, Cardinal Mahony must move toward the appointment of a new pastor. Therefore, he has initiated the procedure for the removal of a pastor as described in canons 1740-1747.

Cardinal Mahony has determined that there is sufficient cause for removal (canon 1741). He has engaged in the consultation with two pastors from the group permanently designed by the presbyteral council for this purpose (canon 1742). Given that Father Buckley has concealed his whereabouts, the Cardinal is not able to "persuade the pastor to resign" in accord with canon 1742. As you know, this requirement of the *Code* is for the validity of the process. The Cardinal has taken extensive steps to try to locate Father Buckley, all to no avail.

As the duly designated procurator for Father Buckley, the Cardinal has asked me to write you in order to fulfill the requirements of the canons. We have not receive any information that Father Buckley has withdrawn your mandate to act in his name. Therefore, the Cardinal requests that you consider the reasons for removal carefully. If you are in contact with Father Buckley, the Cardinal asks that he submit a resignation. If you are not able to contact Father Buckley, the Cardinal asks that acting as his procurator you submit a letter of resignation on this behalf. If you believe that your mandate does not extend far enough to act in that way, we ask you to present to the Cardinal in writing any argument you have against the removal of Father Buckley from his pastorate. A period of fifteen days *tempus utile* is provided by canon 1742. Thus, we ask that you contact the Cardinal no later than **October 7, 1994.**

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Enclosed is a summary of the consultation of the Cardinal with Father john Fitzgerald and Father Richard Loomis. It contains the reasons for the removal of Father Buckley. To summarize those reasons, it is necessary to remove Father Buckley because:

1. He has engaged in ways of acting that are gravely detrimental to the parish community (canon 1741, 1°).

2. He has suffered a loss of good reputation among parishioners due to his recent actions, especially his absence without leave *canon 1741, 3°).

3. He has violated legitimate directives of his diocesan bishop by his refusal to participate in an appropriate evaluation and treatment program (canon 273). He has also violated his obligation of residence (canons 533, §1 and 1741, 4°).

If you wish any further information concerning this matter, I ask that you contact Monsignor Timothy Dyer, Vicar for Clergy.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. May God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor Craig A. Cox
Delegate of the Archbishop

enclosure: summary of consultation

cc: Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
Monsignor Timothy J. Dyer

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Los Angeles California 90015-1194

DECREE OF REMOVAL FROM THE OFFICE OF PASTOR

By this decree, in accord with canon 1744, §2, I hereby remove Reverend Michael Dan Buckley from his ecclesiastical office of Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, New Cuyama, California.

This action is necessary for the spiritual welfare of the People of God in New Cuyama and elsewhere throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

It is appropriate and necessary to remove Father Buckley for many reasons, including the following:

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3. He has violated legitimate directives issued for his welfare and that of the Church in Los Angeles by his refusal to participate in the program of evaluation and treatment required, and by his absence without leave (canons 273, 533, §1, 1741, 4°).

In taking this action, I have consulted with Reverend John Fitzgerald and Reverend Richard Loomis, both priests permanently designated for this responsibility by the presbyteral council (canon 1742, §1). They have agreed that removal is the appropriate response to the behavior of Father Buckley and the pastoral needs of the parish concerned.

Father Buckley has concealed his whereabouts from all Archdiocesan officials. Despite numerous efforts, it has not been possible to locate him as of this time. Therefore, it has been impossible to fulfill the requirement of canon 1742, §1, that Father Buckley be persuaded to resign. Father Buckley did name a procurator and advocate, REDACTED REDACTED, JD, JCL. Father REDACTED was contacted as part of this process. He did not believe his mandate was sufficient to submit a resignation in Father Buckley's behalf. He did review the situation and raised no objection to the issuance of a decree of removal.

Given Father Buckley's absence without leave, it is also impossible to fulfill the provision of canon 1744, §1.

Therefore, I have determined it is fully appropriate to issue this decree of removal in accord with canon 1744, §2.

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October 10, 1994
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Issued in the Curia of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in California on this 10th day of October in the Year of Our Lord 1994.

+ Roger Cardinal Mahony

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

Monsignor Terrance L. Fleming, S.T.D.
Chancellor

Archdiocesan Seal

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MEMORANDUM

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cc: Monsignor Dyer

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REDACTED

9/23

REDACTED

says that Fox.
Buckley has not been at
the Retr. House ~~since~~ this
week (not exactly sure when
he "checked out."

REDACTED

I called dr.
— whose REDACTED number
is now changed to:

REDACTED (home)

(or the Buckhorn Saloon ★:
REDACTED)

dr. REDACTED says he'll be in
touch as soon as he sees Fox Buckley

TD -

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MEMORANDUM

October 4, 1994

TO: Cardinal Mahony

FROM: Father Timothy Dyer

RE: Attached

I have spoken to REDACTED . He will have no objections to your taking the action described in #2 of Msgr. Cox's 9/16/94 memo. The date for enactment is October 10, 1994.

Besides our files, copies of your "Decree of Removal" go to REDACTED and Msgr. Cox.

REDACTED

Signed - give to for signature, then file - (SEAL) done see note above.

+ RMM

10-5-94

REDACTED

TO: FOR YOUR INFORMATION. The executed copies of the Decree are ready. Original for Buckley file; cc's for REDACTED and parish file. All together in Buckley C-File.

ACTION NOT TO BE TAKEN UNTIL October 10, the date of the Decree.

My calendar is marked to mail and file them that day.

lbm

Send in the Buckley c-file ✓

T.D 10/9/94

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phone conversation with Tom re Buckley.

DAN Buckley / REDACTED 4/19/94

→ REDACTED — Shell Beach, CA.. — molestation of their children by Buckley — Told REDACTED

They're v. well off; would probably talk to you but wouldn't ever press charges. They are both alcoholics — but believable - I know them very well.

→ Came by looking for $ for his pictures + went to the Regional Office for $...

→ Ft. B. has 2 houses — Nipomo, CA. — getting $3000/mo. from these rentals — & that's what he's living on. Questionable as to where he got $ to build them (built them w. "his savings savings)

⇒ Asked him to have the REDACTED call me.

NOTES

Dan Buckley / 5/13/94

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REDACTED last wk - he was here - stayed w. parishioners who took him out to dinner. — they said he was staying w. the owner of REDACTED REDACTED in New Cayama. Said he'd be contacting folks in parish this weekend or early next wk.

5/20/94

REDACTED : Pastor of Nipomo called the Chancery to ask if Buckley could be given faxes to celebrate in that parish / Also Buckley is w. the "Cross of Peace" group (visions ...)

5/20/94

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REDACTED

6/3/54

D.B. came in last week
+ Tues, 5/31 — asking
to get some help in S. Diego
— saying he was no longer in
his parish / says DB was
v forgetful — not to mind
need to know.

REDACTED

8/18/54

called to say
she spoke w. Buddy + that
he'd forced his way into her
home sev. times this summer —
harassing her to be allowed
to live in her home.

NOTES TO FILE: REV. MICHAEL (DAN) BUCKLEY (typed 11/8/94)

Fr. Dan Buckley REDACTED - Phone conversation with her re: Buckley

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Fr. Dan Buckley - Places where Buckley has been "sighted" since 5/94

5/13/94 REDACTED

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REDACTED

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6/3/94 REDACTED

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8/18/94 REDACTED

- Called to say she grew up with Fr. Buckley and that he'd forced his way into her home several times this summer - harrassing her to be allowed to live in her home.

October 26, 1995
10:00 am

COPY
REDACTED

REDACTED

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles California 90015-1194

August 24, 1995

Rev. Michael Buckley
REDACTED

Dear Father REDACTED

It has come to my attention by way of the Santa Barbara Regional Office that you have presented the address of your residence in Santa Maria. Until now, we have had no address and no means of corresponding with you since you left New Cuyama.

There are a number of things that need to be discussed about your present status and living arrangements, but the priority remains your need to make an appointment to see Cardinal Mahony regarding the issues surrounding your departure from Immaculate Conception Parish.

As you have been informed, serious allegations have been made to this Office, and you have not responded to these. The Cardinal asked that you enter a process of evaluation and, after agreeing to arrangements for such a process on two occasions, you did not come forward as promised.

I now appeal to you again to meet with Cardinal Mahony as soon as possible, so that the problems facing you can be resolved. You may call REDACTED to arrange a date and time for such a meeting.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

REDACTED

Fr. Buckley never called!

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MEMO: to file
FROM: REDACTED
DATE: August 29, 1995
RE: Fr. Michael D. Buckley

Subsequent to my conversation with Msgr. Cox, I indicated to REDACTED that the sample decree revoking faculties from 1992 which she had given me had come under criticism by Rome, and that Msgr. REDACTED recommended that a penal process be initiated according to c.1717. She will obtain a sample of the decree initiating this process, and I will discuss the matter with Fr. Buckley's advocate, REDACTED REDACTED said REDACTED was frustrated, and told Msgr. Dyer that he had given up on the case.

I then consulted REDACTED . He indicated that Fr. Buckley no longer contacts him because he knows he will encourage him to meet with the Cardinal. He says Fr. Buckley is very hard to find. Fr. REDACTED believes he is very ill, and that his illness may be in part organically based (heart disease). He has been up and down the coast talking with anyone who will listen, and each time we look worse and worse. There is no correspondence between his perception and reality.

I asked him if he was still advocate for Fr. Buckley. He said he does not believe he formally renounced Fr. Buckley's mandate.

I indicated that Fr. Buckley has been known to function publicly as a priest, that an address has appeared for him, and the office of Vicar for Clergy has requested his faculties be revoked, but that Msgr. Cox suggested a penal process be initiated and faculties revoked in that context. REDACTED indicated that revoking faculties outside a process would be problematic.

REDACTED indicated that it would be desirable to have Fr. Buckley sequestered, but everytime we approach him he flees, and therefore he wonders if we can serve process. At the same time, he acknowledged that all we have is the process.

I asked REDACTED whether he intended to continue as advocate for Fr. Buckley. He indicated that he would for the integrity of the process, but may want to reconsider his role when Msgr. Cox returns. He said to check to see if his mandate is current. If not, have the Cardinal appoint him advocate for Fr. Buckley, if he will allow him to practice canon law in his jurisdiction.

I asked REDACTED if he had any objections to the initiation of the penal process. He said, of the grounds, that lack of residence was weak, but disobedience to the Cardinal was serious and he would have no objections to the initiation of the penal process on the grounds of disobedience. 'He has failed to present himself, to explain himself, and to honor the Cardinal's legitimate orders.'

After the citation, REDACTED would like to see the acts.

Any correspondence to Fr. Buckley should be copied to Fr. REDACTED and this should be indicated on the correspondence along with Fr. REDACTED address and private phone number, as follows:

REDACTED

MEMO: to file
FROM: REDACTED
DATE: August 29, 1995
RE: Fr. Michael D. Buckley

I met with REDACTED regarding the case of Fr. Buckley. She provided me with copies of the Decree of Removal from the Office of Pastor, REDACTED letter to him of August 24, 1995, and a sample of a decree revoking faculties from 1992.

I consulted Msgr. Cox, who is on vacation. He indicated that the decree revoking faculties from 1992 had come under criticism by Rome since it was given outside a canonical process to observe the rights of the priest.

Msgr. Cox recommended that a penal process for full suspension be initiated according to c.1717, and faculties be revoked as a caution according to c.1722, before he disappears again.

1. The grounds are unlawful absence and disobedience to REDACTED REDACTED I inquired if unlawful absence were viable insofar as Fr. Buckley has been removed from office as pastor. Msgr. Cox indicated that he had disappeared before his removal.

2. Speak with Fr. Buckley's advocate, REDACTED . Let him know we have Fr. Buckley's address, that we want to open a penal process and revoke his faculties, and ask if he has an objections to a penal process of lack of residence and disobedience.

3. The Cardinal signs the decree opening the penal investigation [c.1717]. REDACTED has samples of these.

4. Msgr. Cox is auditor.

5. Come up with a penal libellus [c.1718, par.1]

6. Send Fr. Buckley the citation [c.1720, no.1] to appear before REDACTED for a hearing for various ecclesiastical crimes.

7. Send Fr. Buckley the decree [c.1722] revoking his faculties with wording such as, 'This measure is taken for purposes described above as a temporary measure pending further canonical action.'

DECREE

At this time, I have received information which appears indicative of the fact that serious offenses against the Church may have been committed by Reverend Michael Dan Buckley. On the basis of this information, it appears that Father Buckley has been accused of disobedience to his Ordinary, in accord with canons 273 and 1371, no. 2 of the Code of Canon Law.

Due to the seriousness of this information and by virtue of canon 1717, I hereby decree that the prior investigation of a penal process be opened, and that a cautious investigation be undertaken concerning these allegations and Father Buckley's imputability, in order to determine whether it is necessary to take further action.

In addition, I hereby appoint REDACTED, REDACTED, to serve as auditor, and I direct him to conduct on my behalf an appropriate investigation into the facts and circumstances of this matter and the related question of Father Buckley's imputability in accord with the norm of law.

Given at the Chancery on this 29th day of August, 1995.

+ Roger Cardinal Mahony

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

REDACTED

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PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION

The following preliminary investigation to a penal process has been initiated in the case of Reverend Michael Dan Buckley by decree of August 29, 1995, according to canon 1717 of the Code of Canon Law.

THE FACTS

A review of confidential documents indicates that Father Buckley has engaged in ways of acting that have been gravely detrimental to the ecclesial community, including illicit sexual conduct and misuse of ecclesial power, and that he has suffered a loss of good reputation because of his acts.

As a result, Father Buckley was legitimately ordered to enter a process of evaluation at a residential treatment facility on March 5, 1994, however did not appear; and again on December 12, 1994, however absented himself before accommodations became available.

Furthermore, Father Buckley has refused to appear before his Ordinary for the purpose of resolving his non-compliance, as requested on July 8, 1994 and August 24, 1995.

Moreover, Father Buckley has consistently failed to return telephone calls or messages or to inform his Ordinary or theREDACTED of his whereabouts, required for fruitful communication.

Father Buckley was lawfully removed from the office of Pastor because of his conduct and absence without leave, by decree of October 10, 1994.

THE LAW

Canon 273: Clerics are bound by a special obligation to show reverence and obedience to the Supreme Pontiff and to their own Ordinary.

Canon 1321, par. 3: Unless it is otherwise evident, imputability is presumed whenever an external violation has occurred.

Canon 1323, no. 4: The following are not subject to penalties when they have violated a law or precept: a person who acted out of grave fear, even if only relatively grave, or out of necessity or out of serious inconvenience unless the act is intrinsically evil or verges on harm to souls.

Canon 1341: Only after he has ascertained that scandal cannot sufficiently be repaired, that justice cannot sufficiently be restored, and that the accused cannot sufficiently be reformed by fraternal correction, rebuke, and other ways of pastoral care, is the Ordinary then to provide for a judicial or administrative procedure to impose or to declare penalties.

(cont.)

Canon 1371, no. 2: The following are to be punished with a just penalty: a person who wrongly does not otherwise comply with the legitimate precepts or prohibitions of the Apostolic See, the Ordinary, or the Superior and who persists in disobedience after a warning.

SUMMARY

Father Buckley is bound to comply with the legitimate orders of his Ordinary, according to canon 273. Failure to do so is punishable by the imposition of penalties, according to canon 1371, no. 2.

Father Buckley failed to comply with the legitimate orders of his Ordinary when he refused to enter a process of evaluation at a residential treatment center. Notwithstanding, he was ordered to appear before the Ordinary for the purpose of fraternal correction and pastoral persuasion, according to canon 1341. This course of action was repeated once again in the best interests of Father Buckley, without success.

The imputability of Father Buckley's lack of compliance is evident according to the presumption of canon 1321, par. 3. Moreover, this imputability cannot be removed by factors such as fear or inconvenience because of the pertinence of his lack of compliance to grave acts which pose a harm to souls, according to canon 1324, no. 4.

Based on this preliminary investigation, it will be up to the Ordinary to determine whether Father Buckley has violated the norm of law as to obedience, is subject to penalties, and is imputable, and if so, whether a penal process is to continue, according to canon 1718, par. 1.

Father Buckley's advocate, REDACTED has been consulted, and has no objections to a penal process on the grounds of disobedience to the Ordinary.

Given at the Chancery on this 31st day of August, 1995.

REDACTED

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DECREE

On August 29, 1995, I directed that the preliminary investigation to a penal process be undertaken to examine the allegations of serious offenses against church law committed by Reverend Michael Dan Buckley. After a careful examination of these activities and the question of imputability and on the basis of the proofs which have now been gathered, it is clear that a process for declaring a penalty should be set in motion. It likewise appears that such a process is expedient in light of canon 1341 in view of the fact that it has not been possible to effect a reform of Father Buckley and in view of the scandal and injustice which his actions pose.

As required by canon 1718, I therefore decree that the preliminary investigation of this penal process be closed; and I hereby determine on the basis of the proofs which have been gathered that an administrative penal process be set in motion in accord with the norms of canon 1720.

In accord with the requirements of law, Father Buckley is to be informed of the accusations which have been made. He is to be provided with the opportunity of examining the proofs which have been gathered, and he is to be given sufficient time to prepare a self-defense. Should Father Buckley desire canonical assistance, he may consult with his advocate, REDACTED J.D., J.C.L., to whom he has given his mandate.

Finally, I hereby appoint Reverend _____ and Reverend _____ to serve as assessors and to assist me in the consideration of the proofs and arguments which are associated with this penal action.

Given at the Chancery on this 31st day of August, 1995.

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

Rev. Msgr. Terrance L. Fleming, S.T.D.
Chancellor

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Reverend Michael D. Buckley
REDACTED

Dear Father Buckley,

As you know, serious allegations as to your conduct have come to my attention. As a result, I have ordered that you enter a process of evaluation at a residential treatment center on March 5, 1994, and December 12, 1994, to which you have not complied. Moreover, our records show that numerous attempts to contact you in order to address these concerns have been unsuccessful. You have failed to comply with my legitimate orders as your Ordinary.

Therefore, I have now initiated the administrative penal process in your regard, according to canons 1717 to 1731 of the Code of Canon Law. The grounds on which the case is to proceed is disobedience to the Ordinary, in violation of canon 273. The penalty I am prepared to impose is full suspension of the exercise of priestly office, according to canons 1333, and 1371, no. 2.

I wish to inform you of your right of defense in this case, according to canon 1720, no. 1. For this purpose, I, as your diocesan bishop, hereby cite you to appear in my office on [one month from projected receipt]. I strongly recommend that you consult your advocate, Reverend REDACTED, who can assist you in responding to this matter.

Moreover, as a provisional measure and in the interest of the public good, I am revoking your priestly faculties effective immediately, as per the decree of September 1, 1995, enclosed, according to canons 142, par. 1 and 1722, pending the outcome of the administrative penal process.

Assuring you of my prayers for the special guidance of the Holy Spirit at this time, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

REDACTED

REDACTED

cc: REDACTED

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COPY

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Office of the Archbishop (213) 251-3288

1531 West Ninth Street

Los Angeles California 90015-1194

September 1, 1995

Rev. Michael D. Buckley
REDACTED

Dear Father Buckley:

As you know, serious allegations as to your conduct have come to my attention. As a result, on March 5, 1994 and again on December 12, 1994 I ordered that you enter a process of evaluation at a residential treatment center. You have not complied with either of these orders. Moreover, our records show that numerous attempts to contact you in order to address these concerns have been unsuccessful. You have failed to comply with my legitimate orders as your Ordinary.

Therefore, I have now initiated the administrative penal process in your regard, according to canons 1717 to 1731 of the Code of Canon Law. The grounds on which the case is to proceed is disobedience to the Ordinary, in violation of canon 273. The penalty I am prepared to impose is full suspension of the exercise of priestly office, according to canons 1333 and 1371, no. 2.

I wish to inform you of your right of defense in this case, according to canon 1720, no. 1. For this purpose, I, as your diocesan bishop, hereby cite you to appear in my office on Thursday, October 26, 1995 at 10 A.M. I strongly recommend that you consult your advocate, Reverend REDACTED J.D., J.C.L., who can assist you in responding to this matter.

Moreover, as a provisional measure and in the interest of the public good, I am revoking your priestly faculties effective immediately, as per the decree of September 1, 1995, enclosed, according to canons 142, par. 1 and 1722, pending the outcome of the administrative penal process.

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Reverend Michael D. Buckley

Assuring you of my prayers for the special guidance of the Holy Spirit at this time, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Roger Cardinal Mahony

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

Terrance L. Fleming

Rev. Msgr. Terrance L. Fleming, S.T.D.
Chancellor

cc: REDACTED

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DECREE

The administrative penal process has been initiated in the case of Reverend Michael Dan Buckley, according to Canon 1717.

In order to safeguard the public good against scandal and to ensure the integrity of this process, I, as Ordinary, hereby revoke the faculties of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles which I heretofore entrusted to Father Buckley, including the faculty of preaching mentioned in canon 764, according to canons 142, par. 1 and 1722, the promoter of justice having been heard and Father Buckley cited.

This revocation is effective immediately, is imposed for the purpose described above as a temporary measure pending the outcome of the administrative penal process, and is to be communicated in writing to Father Buckley.

Given at the Chancery on this 1st day of September, 1995.

+ Roger Cardinal Mahony

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

Terrance Fleming

Rev. Msgr. Terrance L. Fleming, S.T.D.
Chancellor

cc: REDACTED

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DECREE

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Given at the Chancery on this 1st day of September, 1995.

+ Roger Cardinal Mahony

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

Terrance L Fleming

Rev. Msgr. Terrance L. Fleming, S.T.D.
Chancellor

cc: REDACTED

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MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: REDACTED

DATE: September 1, 1995

RE: Fr. Michael D. Buckley

I have consulted REDACTED, as Promoter of Justice regarding the revocation of Fr. Buckley's faculties, according to canon 1722, in the context of the administrative penal process which has been initiated.

REDACTED has reviewed the file, and believes that Fr. Buckley poses a threat to the common good. He has no objections to the revocation of faculties.

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MEMORANDUM **CONFIDENTIAL**

September 1, 1995

To: Cardinal Mahony

From: REDACTED

Re: Rev. Michael Buckley

Things are progressing apace in this "process." However, REDACTED has just called me to say that you will need to appoint two "assessors". This was done before and one of them, REDACTED REDACTED , can continue in that capacity--but the other is now REDACTED and should be replaced.

It was necessary to consult with a REDACTED and Father REDACTED has contacted REDACTED in that regard and will be seeing him early this afternoon.*

WE NEED A DATE FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOU TO SEE FATHER BUCKLEY ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 5, and I have given REDACTED a copy of this in hopes he can let me have that after checking your calendar.

*-Although the penal process is administrative, such a consultation is necessary for the revocation of faculties! (Am I ever learning!)

Good - I need to see the list of approved assessors -

+ RMM

9-1-95

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Thanks [redacted] I'm sending him the list of Assessors REDACTED

9/9

See note on post it below

DECREE

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Given at the Chancery on this 1st day of September, 1995.

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

Rev. Msgr. Terrance L. Fleming, S.T.D.
Chancellor

cc: REDACTED

MEMORANDUM

September 5, 1995

TO: Monsignor Dyer

FROM: REDACTED

RE: Michael Buckley Case

With the help of REDACTED , the revocation of Father Buckley's faculties went out to him certified mail on Friday, September 1, along with a cover letter signed by Cardinal Mahony. Also in the file is a decree initiating an administrative penal process, which Msgr. Cox advised Father Mike by phone needed to be issued prior to the revocation (as the last time we did something like this "Rome didn't like it" because of the absence of that preceding decree.

The next step is for the Cardinal to appoint (as part of still another decree) two Assessors to assist.....[with consideration of..proofs...and arguments.....]. While one of the two Pastor Consulters who served in the process of removing Father Buckley from the pastorate, Rev. John G. Fitzgerald, can be one of these two assessors, the other--Msgr. Loomis--should not be inasmuch as he is now Vicar for Clergy-Elect. The Cardinal indicated he cannot move on this now because you have the list of Pastor Consultors. The latest one in my file was updated as of February 1993. I think it is the newest. However, REDACTED name does not appear on it. Rather than give it to him now, I have attached it for you to submit to him soonest. If there is a later list, please use that instead (I should have a copy also).

Both the decree now needed and a two-page explanation of PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION sent over by REDACTED (who also spoke with the REDACTED -- -- ------, REDACTED in line with correct procedure) are on my computer. I have already printed out one copy of the latter for the file.

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CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

September 17, 1995

TO: Cardinal Mahony

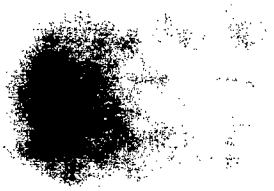
FROM: Father Timothy Dyer

RE: Fr. Buckley -- Initiation of Penal Process

The attached memo from REDACTED indicates the steps which were taken in the Fr. Buckley case while I was away on vacation.

The next step involves your appointment of two assessors to begin the Penal Process. REDACTED is not on the list of Pastor Consultors. I would recommend REDACTED (Deanery 2) and REDACTED REDACTED (Deanery 4). [As you will note from a quick review of the Pastor Consultors list (2/8/9[redacted]), there is serious need for revision and I will take a copy of this to REDACTED at our 9/18-19 meeting].

In regard to this case, Msgr. Cox has contacted REDACTED, the appointed Advocate, who says he has finally received some communication from Fr. Buckley. REDACTED understands the urgency but relayed through Msgr. Cox his desire to delay a bit on initiation of the Penal Process while he urges Fr. Buckley to adhere to your original order for psychological evaluation at St. Luke's.



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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Office of the Archbishop (213) 251-3288

1531 West Ninth Street

Los Angeles California 90015-1194

CONFIDENTIAL

September 20, 1995

TO: REDACTED
REDACTED

FROM: Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

SUBJECT: Canonical Penal Process: Father Michael D. Buckley

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is presently involved in a Canonical Penal Process dealing with Father Michael D. Buckley, the former pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in New Cuyama.

In order for me to proceed forward, it is necessary that I involve two priests from our official list of Canonical Assessors.

Consequently, I am asking each of you to assist me in serving as one of my assessors in this matter. As the case develops, I will be sending you copies of all of the materials and I will be seeking your views on the plans and decisions that I would have in mind dealing with this case.

I do not anticipate that it will be necessary for us to meet in person. I believe that the matter can be handled by mail and by telephone conference call, thus avoiding the need to bring all of us together at one time.

I would be grateful if you could send me a brief confidential letter agreeing to serve as a Canonical Assessor for me in this matter.

Thank you so very much for your willingness to assist me and our Archdiocese in this very serious matter.

cc: Monsignor Craig Cox
Monsignor Timothy Dyer

REDACTED

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MEMORANDUM

November 29, 1995

TO: REDACTED

FROM: REDACTED

RE: Fr. Michael Buckley

REDACTED from the dicoese of Monterey called to say that Fr. Buckley has been frequenting Carmel Mission. Evidently, he complains about L.A.'s treatment and makes himself available for service. REDACTED suggested I write a lette c/o him and he will see to it that the pastor of the Mission receives it with their cover letter.

So...

To Whom It May Concern,

Fr. Michael Buckley, incardinated priest in the AD of L.A., is urgently requested to return to Los Angeles to meet with the Cardinal. Fr. Buckley is presently without faculties and should not be allowed to offer ministerial service in any diocese. Presently, the Archdiocese is without an address for Fr. Buckley and efforts to communicate directly with him have failed.

There is at this time a serious concern in the Archdiocese for Fr. Buckley's health as well as the well-being of those who may be in his company. Several attempts to return Fr. Buckley for treatment have been unsuccessful. Anyone holding personal influence over Fr. Buckley is urged to direct him to return to Los Angeles for continued care.



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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Office of
Vicar for Clergy
(213) 251-3284

1531
West Ninth
Street

Los Angeles
California
90015-1194

November 30, 1995

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Father Michael Buckley, incardinated priest of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, is urgently requested to return to Los Angeles to meet with Cardinal Mahony.

Father Buckley is presently without faculties and should not be allowed to offer ministerial service in any diocese.

At this time, the Archdiocese is without an address for Father Buckley, and efforts to communicate directly with him have failed.

There is at this time a serious concern on the part of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for Father Buckley's health, as well as for the wellbeing of those who may be in his company. Several attempts to get him to return for treatment have been unsuccessful. Anyone holding personal influence over Father Buckley is urged to direct him to return to Los Angeles for continued care.

Timothy J. Dyer

(Rev.Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer
Vicar for Clergy

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REDACTED

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

1531 West Ninth Street Los Angeles California 90015-1194

November 30, 1995

REDACTED

Diocese of Monterey
580 Fremont St.
P.O. Box 2048
Monterey, CA 93942-2048

Dear Father REDACTED

Monsignor Dyer, who is away from the office today, asked me to send you as soon as possible the enclosed "To Whom It May Concern" notice regarding Rev. Michael Buckley of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

He indicated you would forward it to the Pastor of the Carmel Mission.

With thanks for your assistance to us, I remain

Sincerely yours,

REDACTED
REDACTED
REDACTED

Enclosure

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MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

To: Cardinal Roger Mahony

From: Monsignor Richard Loomis

Date: Monday, January 22, 1996

Re: Father Dan Buckley

Your Eminence,

I met with Father Buckley this afternoon. Unfortunately, the priest who was going to go with me had to cover a funeral at the last minute. So, I met him alone. We had a cordial but guarded conversation over lunch at the Santa Maria Inn Restaurant, between about 1:00 and 2:00 in the afternoon.

His memory is failing. He had to ask several times what Bishop Curry's and Monsignor Dyer's names were. Much of his conversation was a reverie on his assignments. He claims that no one ever explained what the allegations made against him were all about. He wants to retire and begin receiving his pension. He believes there is a pension check being held for him at the ACC.

I explained that his pension had not yet started because he had not yet retired and was not yet 70 years old (he says he will be in November). The checks that were being held in the REDACTED were salary checks and that we were holding them because he had not cooperated with our requests that he have a psychological evaluation and seek whatever therapy might be warranted -- his current status is "sick leave;" that is his assignment right now -- if he will not take part in the assignment, he does not get paid. I encouraged him to come in and do what was being asked of him. I explained that if he wanted to go over the allegations, I would be happy to sit down with him at the office and go over the whole thing. He said he tried that once but Bishop Curry and Monsignor Dyer would not talk to him because he brought a lawyer with him. I told him he had to make a choice. We could go over the matter priest-to-priest (which is what I would prefer) or if he brought a lawyer, I would ask for his name and address and our attorney would contact him. Such an action would place an attorney between himself and his Ordinary and if he chose such a course he would be placing himself on an "Inactive" status. He said that he had tried to get a canonical advocate but that he had not done anything and had charged him $500. I explained that if he wanted to retire, he needed to write to you asking to retire and then we would see what would be needed.

When I asked him for an address and phone number, he once again gave the address and phone number for the REDACTED Restaurant and said his mail could go there.

Do we know what he plans to do next?

+ RMK

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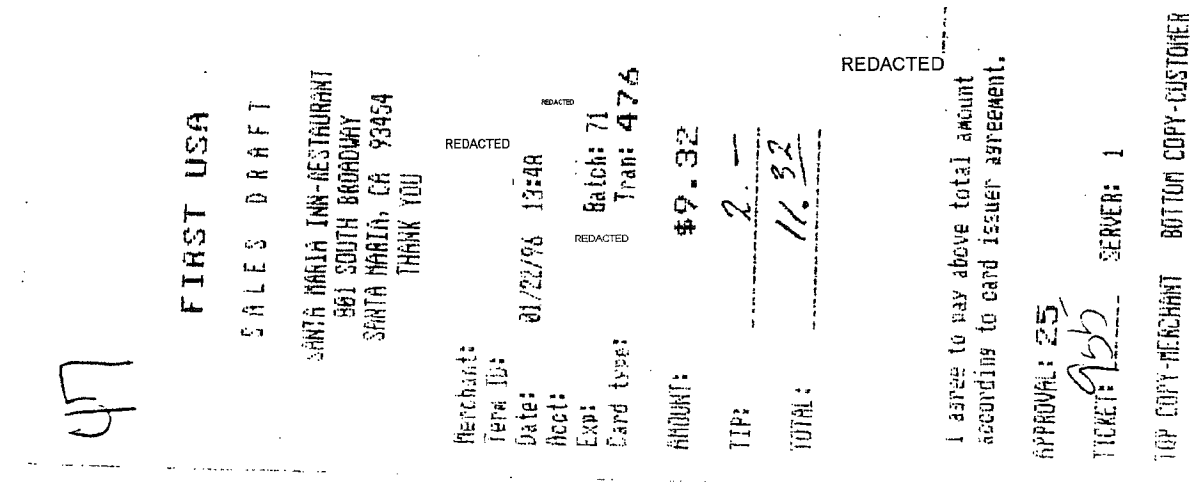
Father Michael D. Buckley

746 Meridian Ct.

Santa Maria, CA 93455

(805) 934-0199

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

1531 West Ninth Street Los Angeles California 90015-1194

January 22, 1996

Reverend Michael D. Buckley
REDACTED

Dear Dan,

I was very happy to meet with you today. I am writing to summarize the pertinent parts of our conversation.

You asked about retiring. To do so you must write a letter to the Archbishop requesting retirement. He will then reply with whatever steps might be needed.

I have checked with the Pension Plan Office and there is not a check waiting for you from the Pension Plan at this time. Bishop Curry must have been referring to the salary checks which are being held in the Vicar's Office. Your current assignment is "sick leave," but you have not cooperated in reporting to that assignment. I strongly encourage you to cooperate with the psychological evaluation being requested of you as part of your sick leave.

You mentioned that no one has explained the allegations that have been made against you. They are serious allegations and cannot be avoided. As I said today at lunch, I will be happy to go over them with you. Just give me a call and we can set up an appointment. However, as I mentioned, if you bring a lawyer with you, that will create a problem. We should be dealing with this priest-to-priest. Your relation to the Archdiocese is not a legal matter. It is an ecclesial matter. If you insert a lawyer between us, then our lawyer will necessarily be between us, too. Not the relationship I think the Lord desired and not the one I want.

I look forward to hearing from you.

PAX!

Richard A. Loomis

Reverend Monsignor Richard A. Loomis
Vicar for Clergy

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Pastors & Administrators

FROM: Monsignor Richard Loomis

DATE: February 23, 1996

SUBJECT: **REVEREND MICHAEL D. BUCKLEY**

As you know Father Michael "Dan" Buckley has been on "Sick-Leave Status" for some time. I am sorry that we need to notify you in this way, but we are asking you as Pastor or Administrator, that if Father Buckley comes to your parish, please do not allow him to minister, and ask him to call this office.

Your cooperation is most appreciated.

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REVEREND MICHAEL D. BUCKLEY

Appointments

St. Pius X., Santa Fe Springs - Associate 05/10/55
Visitation, Los Angeles - 12/12/56
Sacred Heart, Los Angeles - Associate 08/22/57
St. Charles, North Hollywood - Associate 01/26/60
Epiphany, South El Monte - Associate 05/14/62
Immaculate Conception, Monrovia - Associate 11/27/62
St. Philomena, Torrance - Residence 05/15/65
Harbor General Hospital, Torrance - Chaplain 05/15/65
St. Francis Hospital, Lynwood - Residence/Chaplain 07/26/66
Active Outside - 02/04/70
Immaculate Heart, Santa Ana - Associate 01/25/71
St. Sebastian, Santa Paula - Associate 06/16/75
St. Margaret Mary, Lomita - Associate 10/07/75
Sacred Heart, Pomona - Administrator 07/01/76
St. Margaret Mary, Lomita - Associate 01/03/77
St. Augustine, Culver City - Associate 12/05/77
Immaculate Conception, New Cuyama - Administrator 01/29/79
Immaculate Conception, New Cuyama - Pastor 05/01/80
St. Catherine, Avalon - Pastor 12/25/86
Immaculate Conception, New Cuyama - Pastor 01/25/87
In Transition - 04/01/94
Sick Leave - 12/12/94
St. John of God Retirement and Care Center, Los Angeles - Residence 02/12/97
Retired - 04/01/97

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CLERGY DATABASE

Last: Buckley **Title:** Rev. **First:** Michael **Middle:** D.

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February 1994 Father will be going to Mater Dolorosa pending SLI Evaluation. Fr. called Msgr. Dyer 06/17/94 and left a number REDACTED . 8/18/94 Ms. REDACTED REDACTED, to say that Father had been there harrassing her to stay at her house. 10/21/94 REDACTED attorney, Mr. REDACTED, ANOTHER VICTIM (10/25/94 ltr.): REDACTED REDACTED Bishop Amat Memorial High School. 06/06/96 Dr. REDACTED informed the Vicar that he was wrapping up his sessions with REDACTED _____. He is doing much better, and he will only need to see him as needed. 09/30/96 a woman by the name of REDACTED called the office. She identified herself as property manager for Father. She is very concerned about him because the last time she saw him he was very confused and could not remember things. She is making arrangements for him to go live in one of his properties. She had a phone number for him, but was told that he no longer lives there, he was renting a room from the person who cuts his hair. Sister REDACTED says he is very disoriented and probably in the early stages of Alzheimers. He will not trust anyone from the Ad., but seems to trust this Sister whom he has known for many years. 11/14/96 Phone call from Sr. REDACTED at Marian Medical Center: on Monday, Nov. 11, Fr. checked himself out against medical advice. No one knows where he is. 12/10/96 Fr. Buckley's Sr. (818) 249-1800 -- He has been hospitalized at Brittany Manor in Long Beach. 02/07/97 He was transferred to St. John of God Nursing Home. He is in the Alzheimer's Ward. 03/24/97 Card. Mahony accepted his resignation; he retired on 04/01/97.

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Diocese of Orange
Sexual Misconduct Concerns Toll Free Reporting Line

Date of Call: 3/08/02 12:27PM

Caller: REDACTED

Call Returned: 3/11/02 1:00PM

Mrs. REDACTED advised that her three brothers all had been sexually molested by Father Michael Buckley while he was "visiting" at Immaculate Heart of May Parish in Santa Ana, CA in the late 1960's and early 1970's.

Fr. Buckley was a friend of the family. There are REDACTED brothers and sisters. All are graduates of Mater Dei High School.

When Mrs. REDACTED was a young teenager, her father died. Fr. Buckley made a "deathbed" promise to her father that he would look after the children. She stated Fr. Buckley would spend the night in the family home on many occasions. He repeatedly molested her REDACTED brothers, one of them from the time he was 12 until he was about 16.

She painfully became aware of this one evening when Fr. Buckley was spending the night and she opened the door to her brothers' room actually witnessing an episode of molest. She was a recent high school graduate at the time. Shortly thereafter, because of the trauma of witnessing such an episode, she attempted suicide

Ms. REDACTED stated that she, her mother and her sister brought the matter to the attention of the three Bishops in Orange over the years, the first time around 1975 at Holy Family Cathedral. She cannot remember any other specifics except she thought she told Bishop Brown personally "about 5 years ago". We are unable to find a file on Fr. Buckley.

Over then years she has tried over the years to find out if Fr. Buckley is still in a position to harm children, but she can't locate him.

After the media coverage last week, she called our hotline number to relate his offenses and to find out if he is currently in ministry posing a risk to other children.

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She refused contact from the Assistance Ministry Coordinator or any other assistance. She stated her only concern at this time is to make sure Fr. Buckley is not in ministry.

It appears that Fr. Buckley may currently be in a nursing home in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Cox, Msgr. Craig A.

To: REDACTED

Subject: RE: Diocese of Orange - Confidential

Hi REDACTED

Thank you for passing these on. I can inform you that Fathe rBuckley currently suffers from a severe case of Alzheimer's Disease. He is not mentally competent at all, frequently out of touch with any snese of reality. He is now in a locked unit to prevent him from wandering away and getting lost. He is incapable of any ministry and has no contact with minors. I called REDACTED and gave her this information. She was relieved. She asked me whether her earlier complaints had ever been referred to us. Since it is after hours, I told her I'd check his files and report back to her.

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Thanks for the reports. God bless!

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Original Message-----
From: REDACTED
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2002 8:50 AM
To: 'MsgrCACox@la-archdiocese.org'
Subject: Diocese of Orange - Confidential
Importance: High

Good Afternoon, Msgr. Craig,

The attached file contains notes of calls that were made to our toll free reporting telephone line on March 8, 2002. Two are anonymous calls about possible sexual misconduct with minors falling under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. I am referring them to you for further handling.

The other report is from REDACTED who brings to our attention her concern about sexual abuse of her three brothers by a Father Michael Buckley, during the late 1960's and early 1970's when Fr. Buckley (according to Mrs. REDACTED was a visiting priest at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Santa Ana. My notes in the file detail my conversation with Mrs. REDACTED. Her time frames are sketchy so there may be overlapping jurisdiction about the time the Diocese of Orange was first established in 1976. Once you review the notes regarding Mrs. REDACTED call, could you please contact me. She stated she simply wants to be sure that Fr. Buckley is not in a position to jeopardize the safety of children. From reviewing your directory, I have learned that Fr. Buckley's current address is a nursing home. Would he be a patient or chaplain?

Thank you for your prompt attention to these matters. I'll wait to hear from you.

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23 April 2002

To: **Cardinal Roger Michael Mahony**
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
3424 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241

Bishop Joseph Sartoris
San Pedro Pastoral Region
3555 St. Pancratius Pl
Lakewood, CA 90712

Bishop Joseph A. Pepe
Bishop of Las Vegas
P.O. Box 18316
Las Vegas, Nevada 89114-8316

Dear Cardinal Mahoney and Bishop Sartoris,

From 1972 through 1973 a priest of the parish of Los Angeles sexually abused me. From my birth in 1957 until I left Los Angeles in 1977 I was an active parishioner at Holy Innocents church in Long Beach, and I attended Holy Innocents catholic school through eighth grade. From 1974 through 1977 I was also active in the archdiocese Search for Christian Maturity program as well.

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During 1972 and 1973 I worked several evenings a week at the parish rectory, answering telephone calls for the priests and answering the door. During that period, the pastor was Fr. REDACTED Approximately twice a month, Fr. REDACTED received a visitor, another priest, who would join him in his room. As he exited, and I was showing him out the rear door, that priest sexually abused me on several occasions.

In 1990, while in a program of treatment for recovery from substance abuse, memories of this sexual abuse began to come forward. It was at that time that I reported the sexual abuse to the archdiocese of Los Angeles via a letter reporting as many details as I could recall. A couple of months after that, I received a telephone call from the then Chancellor of the San Pedro Region, in which we discussed in more depth the details as I remembered them. Despite the therapy that I was undergoing, and to this day, I have never been able to recall the name of the priest. At one point, in 1990, I had also spoken by phone to Fr. REDACTED but he categorically denied any knowledge of the priest in question, or knowledge of the abuse. A couple of months later, I received a letter from the late Bishop Fischer, explaining to me that he and the chancellor were

fairly certain which priest it was that had perpetrated this abuse, but that he also had denied it. It did state that the priest in question was no longer active in his ministry and had retired from parish activity.

By the grace of our Father, I have continued in recovery from my addictions. For the past twelve years, my foremost desire has been towards reconciliation with the faith that I grew up with and service to Our Lord. There have been many challenges. Through all of these struggles, I have held to my belief in the Church and the Eucharistic celebration. On most days, I cannot imagine being anything other than Catholic.

To say that this journey has been easy would be a vast understatement. I worked in therapy, with spiritual directors, and with recovery sponsors for years to ease the pain, which this priest, and the leaders of the church, and those incidents brought to me. During the past several years, I have felt relief that I no longer was held bound by those tragic events and their grave repercussions. Recent events have brought this pain back to life in a way that that I never imagined possible.

I'd like to share with you why these events have been so painful to me, and to so many others. As a recovering addict, I understand that many of us do things in our addiction that we would never have done otherwise, and along the journey we need to both forgive ourselves, and seek reconciliation from those we hurt. Many years ago, I forgave the priest who offended me. I have faith that our Father will judge him with the same love that he has graced me with. What has continued to be most painful for me is the church's leadership during these trying times and the pain and suffering that is caused by the leadership's refusal to admit and address a most grievous problem.

I have come to understand this by likening it to the children raised in the home of an alcoholic
REDACTED or abusive man. I have counseled many children of alcoholics over the past several years and what I have found most frequently is that they have come to forgive the alcoholic/abuser through their own understanding of addiction and grace. What these individuals struggle more frequently with, for years in fact, is the pain that was caused by the spouse of that addict/abuser. The person that was sober, that should have stood up for their children and protected them, failed to do so. In recovery and treatment, we call these the co-dependents. In my pain, I have struggled most frequently to forgive and reconcile with the co-dependents of our church. Those men who knew there were pedophiles, sex addicts, alcoholics and addicts in the priesthood, yet stood by and did little or nothing for the children exposed to these illnesses.

Several years ago, I made a Cursillo weekend and experienced one of those moments of grace and healing that are so profound in our lives. A priest on that weekend, looked me in the eye, and apologized for the sins of his brothers and for the pain that it caused me. Amidst a torrent of tears, I experienced God's healing love in my heart.

I don't have many answers on how the church will reconcile itself with its victims. But I do believe that it should start there. With individual acts of reconciliation from both the priests and the church's leadership to it's victims. In twelve step circles, we have called that "making amends."

I know that many today will seek financial amends. I'm fairly certain that's not an answer. I don't believe any amount of money could heal me from the pain that was caused. But I do believe that our church should stand up and take responsibility for doing everything in its power to assist, or offer assistance to its victims. I can think of many ways of doing this, mostly centered on providing counseling, spiritual, healing and emotional support for all victims of abuse.

Dear Bishop Pepe,

I have included you in this letter because I have felt called to live in the diocese of REDACTED I retired from the REDACTED last year and, after a brief transition in REDACTED CA, was offered a job by the REDACTED
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Since 1994, when my wife and I made Cursillo, we have been deeply devoted to apostolic action. For several years, we were "Lifeteen" ministers in REDACTED and I have also instructed RCIA and confirmation classes over the past several years. While we have yet to really call a parish "home" here in REDACTED most frequently we attend mass at REDACTED
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For many years, I have felt a tremulous calling to the deaconate. While on active duty, there was no possibility of pursuing that vocation. Today, I am held back by a fear of service, not to
REDACTED Our Lord who has graced me with so many miracles, but to our church leadership, which has not facilitated a trusting relationship.

As I was talking with my spiritual director the other day, I came to understand, rather heard, a calling to service in a different way. The journey that I have been on has been immeasurably painful, but despite that, I would not choose to change the path. All that has happened has shaped me to the man that I am today, with the gifts that I bring to the table. If, as the voice of the Lord asked Isaiah, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" What else can I reply but "Here am I; send me!"

Most Reverend Bishop Pepe. If my experience, strength and hope can be of service to our faith community in REDACTED I pray to find the courage to give of the gifts I have been given. My prayers are with you, with our faith community, and most especially, for the healing of our mother church.

In His Most Holy Name,
REDACTED

Archdiocese of Los Angeles
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Los Angeles California 90010-2241

May 14, 2002

REDACTED

Dear Mr. REDACTED

Cardinal Roger Mahony asked me to acknowledge your letter of 23 April 2002. I very much appreciate that you wrote REDACTED with your reflections.

I am deeply sorry at the abuse inflicted upon you. For a priest to abuse a young person is a tragic betrayal of trust and of his sacred calling. I am grateful, however, that God called you to the healing grace of Cursillo. I made my own Cursillo in 1982 and it was a powerful and wonderful experience that helped shape my spirituality.

Your recommendations about ways of making amends contain much wisdom; fortunately we have made strides in that area. I am enclosing for you a copy of REDACTED pastoral letter as well as a copy of our educational brochure being distributed at all parishes and schools.

We have established an Office of Assistance Ministry to offer therapy to those harmed by priests or any minister of the Church. REDACTED is currently the Coordinator for this ministry. Should you ever wish to speak with her, you may contact her via the address and phone on this letterhead.

May I ask one favor of you. Bishop Carl Fisher died a number of years ago. You mentioned receiving a letter from him, in approximately 1990-91, in which he described the results of his investigation. If you happen to still have that letter, I would very much appreciate it if you would send me a copy.

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Again, I thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours,

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy

DISCONTD THIS RELATES TO FR. MICHAEL DANIEL BUCKLEY. TO HIS FILE

enclosures

cc: REDACTED

JUNE 23, 2002

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+ CARDINAL ROGER MAHONEY
(OR YOUR DESIGNATE REGARDING PAST SEX ABUSE)
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
3424 WILSHIRE BLVD
LOS ANGELES, CA 90010-2241
(213) 637-7000

RE: FATHER DANIEL BUCKLEY

DEAR CARDINAL MAHONEY,

MY NAME IS REDACTED I'M 47 YEARS OLD AND I LIVE IN REDACTED WITH MY WIFE REDACTED LAST SUNDAY OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR SPOKE OF THE U.S. CATHOLIC BISHOPS' MEETING IN DALLAS. HE CONCLUDED HIS HOMILY WITH THE SUMMONS FOR ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF PAST ABUSE BY PRIESTS, AND NEVER REPORTED IT, TO DO SO.

... IN 1969 I WAS IN 8TH GRADE AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GRADE SCHOOL IN SANTA ANA. (AT THAT TIME OUR PARISH WAS STILL PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES.) I AM THE REDACTED OF REDACTED CHILDREN AND WE ALL ATTENDED IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY. MY OLDER BROTHER AT THE TIME HAD LEFT HOME FOR OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS SEMINARY. I RECALL MY FIRST INCIDENT WITH FATHER BUCKLEY OCCURRED ON A

SATURDAY NIGHT. FATHER BUCKLEY WAS A FRIEND OF OUR FAMILY AND HE STOPPED BY FOR A VISIT. DAD LOVED THE CHURCH AND LOVED PRIESTS. HE KEPT CHIVAS REGAL SCOTCH IN THE CUPBOARD FOR THEIR VISITS; AND SINCE HE WAS A REDACTED HE ALWAYS DID THE MAINTENANCE ON THEIR REDACTED WHENEVER THEY NEEDED SERVICE. MOM LOVED HER REDACTED HERITAGE AND FATHER BUCKLEY GAVE HER REDACTED GIFTS. I DIDN'T THEN, NOR FOR A LONG TIME, REALIZE THE DECEPTIVENESS OF HIS GIFTS. I RECEIVED FROM HIM A 35MM MINOLTA - RANGEFINDER CAMERA. (MY OLDER BROTHER WAS THE FIRST RECIPIENT OF HIS GIFTS, WHICH TO HIM WERE NUMEROUS; I ONLY RECALL HE RECEIVED A REEL TO REEL TAPE RECORDER.) IN THOSE DAYS I WAS AN ALTAR BOY AND I LOVED TO SERVE MASS. ON THIS SATURDAY NIGHT I WAS SCHEDULED TO SERVE MASS AT 6:30 AM THE NEXT MORNING. WE LIVED NOT TOO FAR FROM IMMACULATE HEART, AND I WOULD EITHER WALK OR RIDE MY BIKE. FATHER BUCKLE SUGGESTED I SPEND THE NIGHT AT THE RECTORY AND HE WOULD BRING ME HOME AFTER MORNING MASS. I WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE RECTORY BECAUSE I ANSWERED THE PHONE ON MONDAY NIGHTS AND WOULD SORT ALL THE CHURCH ENVELOPES INTO NUMERICAL ORDER. FATHER BUCKLEY'S ROOM HAD A SITTING AREA WITH A TV AND COUCH, AS WELL AS HIS EASEL AND ALL HIS PAINTING SUPPLIES. THE BEDROOM WAS SEPARATE, AND I ASSUMED I WOULD SLEEP ON THE COUCH. MOM AND DAD SAID I COULD GO.

MY EXPERIENCE WAS VERY HUMILIATING AND EMBARASSING. I AS TOO ASHAMED TO TELL ANYONE WHAT HAD HAPPENED, WORST F ALL, AT THAT TIME OF MY LIFE I BLAMED MYSELF.

I THOUGHT FATHER BUCKLEY WAS BEYOND THIS, EXCEPT THAT SOMEHOW I HAD PROKED IT. MY MIND AND MY HEART BEGAN A BATTLE THAT LASTED FOR THE NEXT SIX YEARS. IN MY HEART I FELT THAT I WAS INNOCENT, BUT LOGICA Y I REASONED FATHER BUCKLEY CAN'T BE GUILTY, SO MUST BE. ON TOP OF THAT FATHER BUCKLEY SAID UR LOVE WAS A SPECIAL LOVE LIKE JESUS HAD WITH HIS ISCIPLES, ESPECIALLY JOHN. MOREOVER, HE NAMED CLASS- MATES AND FRIENDS OF MINE WHOM HE HAD BEEN WITH BEFORE ME, AND THAT I WAS A PART OF A SPECIAL CIRCLE. INALLY HE COUNSELED ME THAT WHEN TWO PEOPLE HAVE SPECIAL LOVE IT IS JUST BETWEEN THEM AND NO ONE LSE. I HAD TO KEEP IT PRIVATE.

I AVOIDED FATHER BUCKLEY. IN SEPTEMBER OF 1969 I NTERED OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE ANGELS SEMINARY; I LOVED T! I WAS NOT A PARTICULARLY GOOD STUDENT, BUT I OT ALONG WITH ANYBODY AND I LOVED THE SPIRITUAL LIFE F THE SEMINARY. IN MY SECOND YEAR I GOT MY DRIVER'S ICENSE. OVER A YEAR HAD ELAPSED SINCE THAT SATURDAY IGHT AND I FELT IT WAS TIME FOR ME TO STOP AVOIDING ATHER BUCKLEY. HE HAD A HISTORY OF HEART PROBLEMS AND PPROACHED ME WITH THE REQUEST TO DRIVE HIM TO LONG EACH WHERE HE NEEDED TO PICK UP SOME OF HIS BELONGINGS. DROVE HIM, AND EXCEPT FOR SOME FONDLING, IT WENT RETTY GOOD. WHAT STANDS OUT IN MY MIND WAS WALKING HE HALLS OF A DIFFERENT SEMINARY (AT THAT TIME CLOSE ND IMAGINING THE PRIESTS WHO HAD COME FROM THERE.

MY GUESS IS FATHER BUCKLEY USED THIS OCCASION AS A NFIDENCE BUILDER, HE JOKED AND COMPLIMENTED MY DRIVING.

AND THIS (ALTHOUGH UNCONFIRMED) IS THE ONLY THING THAT MAKES SENSE. MY BROTHER LIVES ALONE, AND MY HEART GOES OUT TO HIM

FOR MYSELF, AS MUCH AS I LOVED O.L.Q.A., I LOVED ST JOHN'S EVEN MORE. BUT ALL WAS NOT WELL. MANY OF THE FRIENDS (CLASSMATES) I HAD WERE GAY. I CONTINUED TO BELIEVE THERE WAS SOME DEFICIT IN MY PERSONALITY BECAUSE I KNEW FOR SURE MY FEELING WERE (AND ALWAYS HAVE BEEN) HETEROSEXUAL. ANOTHER PRIEST ENTERED MY LIFE AT A CHARASMATIC CONFERENCE WHO MADE NUMEROUS SEXUAL ADVANCES (FATHER REDACTED

ALL OF MY SELF DOUBT EVENTUALLY HAD SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. I KEPT ASKING MYSELF "WHAT AM I DOING TO ATTRACT THESE PEOPLE TO MYSELF? IF I TRY TO BE KIND OR INTERESTED, THEY THINK I WANT TO GO TO BED WITH THEM..." IN MY SOPHOMORE YEAR AT ST JOHN'S I GOT INVOLVED WITH A PROGRAM CALLED APOSTALIC WORKS. SEMINARIANS TEAMED UP WITH PARISHONERS TO VISIT THE CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS, TEACH CATECHISM ETC. DURING THIS TIME I GOT AQUAINTED WITH REDACTED SHE WAS MARRIED, HAD THREE CHILDREN, AND IS 18 YEARS OLDER THAN MYSELF. I THOUGHT SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL, AND FOR SOME REASON SHE WAS ATTRACTED TO ME TOO. MY LIFE SEEMED SO OUT OF CONTROL: THE RELATIONSHIPS I DIDN'T WANT KEPT COMING AT ME LIKE THE SURF, THE RELATIONSHIP I WANTED - I COULDN'T HAVE. I REMEMBER A TURNING POINT ONE DAY AT ST. JOHN'S

I DON'T RECALL MUCH ABOUT OUR SECOND EPISODE; MORE THAN ANYTHING I REMEMBER A FEELING OF DREAD. HE ASKED ME AGAIN IF I COULD DRIVE HIM SOMEWHERE. HE NEVER TOLD ME WHERE WE WERE GOING, ONLY "TURN HERE", TURN LEFT THERE, ETC. WE ENDED UP AT A CHEAP MOTEL IN LAGUNA BEACH. I DON'T KNOW HOW HE PRESSURED ME TO GO IN WITH HIM, BUT I COULDN'T SAY NO TO A PRIEST, EVEN THOUGH I TOLD HIM I DIDN'T WANT TO GO. THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I EVER TRUSTED HIM, ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT THE LAST OF HIS PERSUASIVE ATTEMPTS. ONCE WHEN I WAS WORKING AT ST. JOHN'S THEOLOGY DURING THE ANNUAL PRIEST RETREATS WE MET EACH OTHER IN THE DINING HALL. HE TRIED AND TRIED TO HAVE ME MEET WITH HIM, BUT I NEVER DID.

IN 1978 MY PARENTS CELEBRATED THEIR 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. THEY INVITED FATHER BUCKLEY (WHO WAS LIVING IN SANTA MARIA, AT THE TIME - I THINK). MY MOM FOUND OUT FROM A CLASSMATE OF MINE WHO ATTENDED THAT FATHER BUCKLEY MADE ADVANCES ON HIM. (THIS CLASSMATE AND I HAVE NOT CORRESPONDED FOR YEARS, BUT MY MOM & HE STILL DO.)

A FEW YEARS AGO I SHARED MY EXPERIENCES WITH MY BROTHER BECAUSE I ALWAYS SUSPECTED FATHER BUCKLEY GOT TO HIM FIRST. HE'S NEVER SAID A WORD IN AFFIRMATION OR DENIAL. HE DROPPED OUT OF ST JOHN'S BETWEEN HIS 2ND & 3RD YEAR IN THEOLOGY. HE'S NEVER MARRIED, HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN RELATIONSHIPS, AND EVEN TO ME HE WILL NOT SHARE HIS FEELINGS. SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIM,

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The Lord is kind and merciful.

I STOOD BENEATH THE LARGE WHITE CRUCIFIX AND LOOK UP AT THE LORD AND ASKED HIM TO PLEASE TELL ME PLAINLY WHAT I NEEDED TO DO. I OPENED MY BIBLE AND COULDN'T BELIEVE WHERE MY EYES FELL; IT WAS THE STORY OF JESUS CALLING THE TWELVE DISCIPLES. I REJOICED THAT THAT MUST MEAN HIS PLAN FOR ME; BUT I DISPAIRED THAT I WOULD HAVE TO GIVE UP THE ONLY RELATIONSHIP I HAD THAT VALIDATED WHO I WAS. I COULDN'T DO IT.

I BECAME INVOLVED WITH REDACTED EVEN WHILE ATTENDING ST. JOHN'S. LESS THAN A YEAR AFTER I GRADUATED SHE TOLD HER HUSBAND SHE WANTED A DIVORCE. WHILE THERE WERE ISSUES GOING ON IN THEIR MARRIAGE BEFORE ME, I HOLD MYSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DIVORCE. I WISH THAT I HAD HAD THE COURAGE THEN TO REVEAL MY SECRETS TO MY SPIRITUAL ADVISOR REDACTED - REDACTED SOMEHOW, I NEVER COULD GET THE WORDS TO COME OUT OF MY LIP

ONCE I LEFT ST. JOHN'S I DECIDED I WOULD TRY AND FOLLOW THE LORD'S FOOTSTEPS AS A CARPENTER, AND THAT IS WHAT I DID FOR REDACTED YEARS. THEN, IN 1987 I GOT ON THE REDACTED IT IS WHERE I AM TODAY. MY WIFE AND I HAVE BEEN MARRIED IN THE CHURCH FOR 22 YEARS. WE NEVER HAD CHILDREN OF OUR OWN, AND ONE OF HER SONS DIED OF REDACTED OTHER SON REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED

FOR YEARS

The Lord is kind and merciful.

IN OUR MARRIAGE I WOULD GO THROUGH A CYCLE OF VIOLENCE; I HAD A VERY SHORT FUSE, REDACTED AND I GOT PROFESSIONAL COUNCELING A FEW YEARS BACK AND I WAS ABLE TO DEAL WITH FATHER BUCKLEY'S SEXUAL ABUSE AND REVEAL TO REDACTED MY PAS

I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OF THE PAIN I'VE CAUSED IS MY FAULT. I USED TO THINK I WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF IT. I DON'T BELIEVE I CARRY ANY RESENTMENT, I FORGAVE FATHER BUCKLEY A LONG TIME AGO. I REGRET THAT I NEVER BECAME A PRIEST BECAUSE I THINK THAT WAS THE LIFE THE LORD HAD PLANNED FOR ME. BECAUSE OF OUR AGE DIFFERENCE REDACTED AND I NEVER HAD CHILDREN OF OUR OWN, AND THAT HAS BEEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR M THAN HER. I AM CLOSER IN AGE TO HER CHILDREN THAN TO REDACTED , SO MY ROLE AS A PARENT & STEP-FATHER HAS BEEN DIFFICULT. THE CONSEQUENCES OF FATHER BUCKLEY'S ACTIONS ARE BLURRED WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF MY OWN IN LIFE. I JUST TAKE ONE DAY AT A TIME AND TRY TO LIVE A GOOD LIFE. ANOTHER SCRIPTURE THAT THE LORD GAVE ME WAS "HE WHO PUTS HIS HAND TO THE PLOW BUT KEEPS LOOKING BACK IS UNFIT FOR THE REIGN OF GOD". THIS SCRIPTURE WAS TO REPLACE THE FIRST ONE. BUT FOR A FEW HOURS HERE I HAVE LOOKED BACK. I HOPE MY PARISH PRIEST'S REQUEST

The Lord is kind and merciful.

TO NOTIFY YOU WAS APPROPRIATE; IT SEEMED TO RESONATE WELL IN MY HEART (Lucky you ☺). I IMAGINE THAT FATHER BUCKLEY DISRUPTED MANY YOUNG LIVES; I KNOW HE DID MINE. IF OTHERS HAVE NOTIFIED YOU ABOUT HIM, THEN MY STORY MAY SEEM MORE BELIEVABLE.

I WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE BY SAYING HOW MUCH I LOVE THE CHURCH AND THE VAST MAJORITY OF PRIESTS I HAVE KNOWN. MY OWN PASTOR FATHER REDACTED IS AN EXTRAORDINARY, AND HOLY, MAN. I IMAGINE THE REVERENCE OF REDACTED WHEN I WATCH HIM SAY MASS. HE IS THE KIND OF PRIEST THAT INSPIRES ME TO BE GOOD - NO MATTER WHERE MY LIFE HAS BEEN, OR WHERE IT TAKES ME.

PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR SEMINARIANS. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO MY STORY.

WITH MY PRAYERS AND AFFECTION IN CHRIST,

REDACTED

SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORT

To be Completed by Reporting Party

A. Case Identification
To be completed by REDACTED
Victim Name: —
Report No./Case Name:
Date of Report: Daniel Buckley

B. Victim

NAME/TITLE REDACTED

ADDRESS REDACTED

PHONE	DATE OF REPORT	BIRTHDATE	SEX	RACE
REDACTED	Letter Rec'd 7/1 6/23	Approx 1956	M	

47 yrs old

C. Call

OFFICIAL CONTACTED	PHONE	DATE/TIME
Detective Barraclough	(213) 485-2883	

D. Other Parties

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	ADDRESS

PRESENT LOCATION OF

NAME OF CHURCH OR SCHOOL: Immaculate Heart of Mary Santa Ana - L.A. Diocese in '69

ADDRESS AT TIME OF INCIDENT

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT	PLACE OF INCIDENT	(Check One)
① 1969 - Sat night	Rectory, Motel + Long Beach	Occurred ☑ Observed ☐

TYPE OF SEXUAL ABUSE: ② 1972 ③

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION: Altar boy - 8th grade - overnight at rectory too embarrassing & shaming + humiliating Blamed myself. ① Rectory overnight ② Long Beach funding Library of Our Lady of Angels & St. John's College Grad seminary? ③ Laguna - Motel Tried other times - Avoided them

F. Perpetrator Information

Fr. Buckley friend of family - grooming gifts sitting area - TV - Couch - Easel + painting supplies in his rectory bedroom.

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Signed _____

Classmate told my mom of Buckley's advances

M R. H. - suicide Buckley

FILE

Archdiocese of Los Angeles | Office of Vicar for Clergy (213) 637-7284 | 3424 Wilshire Boulevard | Los Angeles California 90010-2241

July 16, 2002

REDACTED

Dear REDACTED

REDACTED has asked me to reply to your letter of June 23, 2002, in which you shared your story of the abusive treatment that was inflicted upon you by Father Michael Daniel Buckley. As I began to read, I realized that I know you and your brother, REDACTED He was in the class immediately behind me. I was at OLQA from 1966 – 1970, and then went through St. John's to ordination in 1978. Please give my greetings to your brother.

I am grateful that you followed the counsel of your pastor, Father REDACTED and wrote Cardinal Mahony with your story. I trust that the opportunity to articulate what happened to you was a grace. I am also grateful that, despite having suffered betrayal at the hands of Father Buckley, your faith in Christ and the Church remain strong and fruitful. Sadly, that is not always the case.

First, let me tell you about Father Buckley. He currently suffers from Alzheimer's Disease and is in a locked unit for his own protection and the protection of others. He has been out of active ministry since the end of 1994 when we first learned of allegations he had engaged in abusive activities.

In reading your letter, I see much wisdom. You have been able to live a good life despite the struggles and difficulties you faced. Please, however, do not blame yourself for falling prey to Father Buckley. He did betray you and his priestly commitment to our Lord.

I hope that your intuition that your brother also suffered at the hands of Father Buckley is incorrect, but it certainly is a real possibility. Please issue him the gentle invitation to contact us if he ever wishes to talk about his experiences with Father Buckley. He can contact me or contact our REDACTED

Finally, please accept my humble and heartfelt apology in the form of these few and inadequate words. I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to fill and strengthen you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy

cc: REDACTED

252367

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
Suspected child Abuse Report
REPORTING FORM

Date of this report to Public Authority:	
Name of Public Authority:	Victim reported he talked to REDACTED at the DA's office.
Date of this Report to Archdiocese:	October 17, 2005 by telephone to Archdiocese
Reported to Archdiocese by:	REDACTED
Complainant Name:	REDACTED
Current Address:	REDACTED
Telephone:	REDACTED
Date of Birth:	1/12/62
Alleged Perpetrator:	"Fr. Buckley at St. Mary's, Santa Ana" Immaculate Heart of Mary, Santa Ana Fr. Michael Buckley 1/1971-6/75
Name: (Victim)	REDACTED
Name of Possible Witness:	
Reported Date of Incident: (s)	1973-74
Reported Circumstances of Incident(s):	"I was 11 years old when I started to be an altar boy. Fr. Buckley started touching me. He exposed himself. He said, ' the body is not something to be ashamed of". I told my Dad. And he got angry and confronted him. I never was an altar boy again." "Dad died in REDACTED
Reported Type of Abuse or Neglect:	Sexual abuse of a minor under 14 years.
Comments:	"This has destroyed my life. I have done prison time. I don't want to go public. This is very shameful." "I called REDACTED at the DA's office".
Submitted by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles:	

REDACTED

252365

CMOb #	108
Considered by CMOB	☑
Inactive Date	
Case Name	Michael Buckley
Active Case?	☐

Priest Name	Buckley, Michael, O.C.D.
DOB	1/1/1901
Ethnicity	English
Diocese	
Canon State	Religious Order Male Major Superior
Religious Order	Carmelite (Discalced) Fathers
Incardination	
Date Of Ordination	
Clergy Status	Left Archdiocese

Clergy (Faculties)	
Religious	☐
Diocesan	☐
Description	

Deacon	
DOB	
Diocese	
Ethnicity	
Ordination	
Status	

Date Referred to Vicar	11/16/2007
Date Of Alleged Incident	
Alleged Victim	
Multiple Victims	☐
Accusers	
Investigation Complete	☑
Investigator Name	
Removed From Ministry	☐
Date Removed From Ministry	
Date Returned To Ministry	
Case Disposition	Unresolved/Deceased
DispositionComments	
Intervention	☐
Description	There have been previous allegations of abuse by Father Buckley. A new allegation was received recently. Father Buckley suffers from Alzheimer's disease and is currently living in the Alzheimer's unit of St John of God.

Case Status

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March 25, 2010	NOTE TO FILE: Updated report received from VAM providing additional details of abuse. No CMOB action required; information purposes only.
June 08, 2010	VAM received report from an adult male (born in 1947) who alleges that Fr. Buckley fondled him when he was an altar boy (13 years old). Fr. Buckley is deceased, the complainant was offered counseling.

Follow Up

Follow Up Date

Legal Proceedings

Legal Proceedings? ☐

Court Cases Settled

Response

Response Date

Sent To Rome? ☐ ***Date Sent To Rome***

Canonical Trial ☐ ***Canonical Trial Date***

Canonical Disposition

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Vicar for Clergy Database

Clergy Assignment Record

Rev Michael D. Buckley

Current Primary Assignment

Age

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Birth Date	11/4/1927
Birth City	Los Angeles, California, USA
Diaconate Ordination	
Priesthood Ordination	4/27/1955
Diocese Name	Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Date of Incardination	
Religious Community	
Ritual Ascription	Latin
Ministry Status	Deceased
Seminary	St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
Ethnicity	American (USA)

Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training

Date Background Check

Safeguard Training

Assignment History

Assignment	*Beginning Date*	*Completion Date*
Deceased, Internment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Culver City.	5/1/2007	
St. John of God Retirement and Care Center, Los Angeles Resident, Retired with No Faculties, FACULTIES REVOKED 9/1/1995	2/12/1997	5/1/2007
Sick Leave	12/12/1994	3/31/1997
Inactive Leave, ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE	3/7/1994	12/11/1994
Administrative Leave	2/25/1994	3/6/1994
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, New Cuyama Pastor, Active Service	1/25/1987	2/24/1994
St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, Avalon Pastor, Active Service	12/25/1986	1/24/1987
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, New Cuyama Pastor, Active Service	1/25/1986	3/31/1994
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, New Cuyama Pastor, Active Service	5/1/1980	12/24/1986

St. Augustine Catholic Church, Culver City Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	12/5/1977	1/28/1979
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Catholic Church, Lomita Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	1/3/1977	12/4/1977
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pomona Administrator, Active Service	7/1/1976	1/2/1977
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Catholic Church, Lomita Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	10/7/1975	6/30/1976
St. Sebastian Catholic Church, Santa Paula Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	6/16/1975	10/6/1975
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Santa Ana Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	1/25/1971	6/15/1975
Active Leave	2/4/1970	1/24/1971
St. Francis Medical Center of Lynwood, Lynwood Chaplain, Active Service	7/26/1966	2/3/1970
Harbor General Hospital/UCLA Medical Center, Torrance Chaplain, Active Service	5/15/1965	2/3/1970
St. Philomena Catholic Church, Carson, Resident	5/15/1965	7/25/1966
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Monrovia Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	11/27/1962	5/14/1965
Epiphany Catholic Church, South El Monte Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/14/1962	11/26/1962
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, North Hollywood Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	1/26/1960	5/13/1962
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	8/22/1957	1/25/1960
Visitation Catholic Church, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	12/12/1956	8/21/1957
St. Pius X Catholic Church, Santa Fe Springs Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	5/10/1955	12/11/1956

CMOB #	108
Considered by CMOB	☑
Inactive Date	
Case Name	Michael Buckley
Active Case?	☐

Priest Name	Buckley, Michael, O.C.D.
DOB	1/1/1901
Ethnicity	English
Diocese	
Canon State	Religious Order Male Major Superior
Religious Order	Carmelite (Discalced) Fathers
Incardination	
Date Of Ordination	
Clergy Status	Left Archdiocese

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Canonical Disposition

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ACCUSED NAME: FR MICHAEL BUCKLEY RIP DATE: 6-8-2010

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
Child Abuse Report - Internal Routing Form

This report involves allegations of:

_____ Current Minor and Church Employee/volunteer
_____ Current Minor and Priest
__✓__ Past Minor and Priest
_____ Past Minor and Religious Brother
_____ Past Minor and Religious Sister
_____ Adult/Adult Case
_____ Other

Sexual abuse: ✓
Physical abuse: _____
Harassment: _____
Brief Summary: Molested in 1960 as a minor while staying overnight for a funeral of family friend. Fr Buckley stayed overnight too in same room.

To:

✓✓ Msgr. Michael Meyers - Vicar for Clergy
✓ REDACTED
✓

_____ Other

REDACTED
Submitted by: _____ Office: VAM
Date distributed: 6-8-2010
Comments: _____

Revised: 03/12/2009

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING FORM

☐ MANDATORY	☑ NON-MANDATORY
Date Reported to the Archdiocese:	4/12/2010 Forwarded to VAM 6/2/2010
Reported to Archdiocese by:	Victim
Alleged Victim :	REDACTED
Current Address:	
Telephone:	
Date of Birth:	1947
Alleged Perpetrator:	Fr. Michael Buckley (RIP)
Reported Date of Incident: (s)	Approximately 1960
Reported Circumstances of Incident(s):	REDACTED met Fr. Buckley on several occasions through REDACTED who were friends of REDACTED parents. REDACTED was an altar boy at Our Lady of Malibu and Fr. Buckley said Mass there on occasions but was not the parish priest there. He presided over the funeral of REDACTED which REDACTED believes took place when he was about 13 years old. His family stayed at the REDACTED house the night before the funeral, as did Fr. Buckley. REDACTED was assigned to share the bedroom with Fr. Buckley. There were twin beds in the room. Fr. Buckley locked the door when they went to bed and climbed into the bed with REDACTED He fondled REDACTED and was telling him that it was alright and that he would like what he was doing.
Reported Type of Abuse or Neglect:	Sexual
Reports to Public Authorities with dates:	Advised REDACTED of right to report
Comments:	REDACTED asked me to find the date of the funeral by checking parish records at Our Lady of Malibu but I was not able to confirm a funeral for a REDACTED in the books. Counseling offered.
Report initiated by:	REDACTED REDACTED

UPDATED REPORT

ACCUSED NAME: FR Buckley (RIP) DATE: 3/25/2010

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
Child Abuse Report - Internal Routing Form

REDACTED

3-25-2010

This report involves allegations of:

- ____ Current Minor and Church Employee/volunteer
- ____ Current Minor and Priest
- ✓ Past Minor and Priest
- ____ Past Minor and Religious Brother
- ____ Past Minor and Religious Sister
- ____ Adult/Adult Case
- ____ Other

Priest RIP. Report made 10-2008. This is strictly to replace the report w details. No need go to CMOB.

REDACTED

REDACTED

Sexual abuse: ✓
Physical abuse: ____
Harassment: ____
Brief Summary: Fondling of genitals (1970-1976) of minor.

To:

- ✓ ✓ Msgr. Michael Meyers - Vicar for Clergy
- ✓ REDACTED
- ✓
- ____
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- ____
- ____ REDACTED

REDACTED

FOR FILE ONLY!

REDACTED

Submitted by: ____ Office: VAM
Date distributed: 3-25-2010
Comments:

THIS IS NOT A NEW REPORT. NON-AUDIT — REPORTED 2009. VICTIM JUST NOW PROVIDED DETAILS OF THE ABUSE! COUNSELING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE.

Revised: 03/12/2009

UPDATED REPORT

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
NON-MANDATORY

Date of this report to Public Authority:	
Name of Public Authority:	
Date of this Report to Archdiocese:	10/01/2008 Update 3/22/2010
Reported to Archdiocese by:	REDACTED
Alleged Victim: Current Address:	
Telephone:	
Date of Birth:	7/4/1965
Alleged Perpetrator:	Fr. Michael D. Buckley (RIP)
Reported Date of Incident: (s)	1970s through 1976
Reported Circumstances of Incident(s):	Fr. Buckley was the male role model in the family when the dad became ill and later died. He sexually abused REDACTED 3 older brothers. He would scratch REDACTED back then put his hand in his underwear and touch his genitals. REDACTED would fight him off. REDACTED became a target of Fr. Buckley's verbal and emotionally abuse because he would not concede to the sexual activity like his brothers.
Reported Type of Abuse or Neglect:	
Comments:	This is the third sibling in this family to allege abuse by this priest. This victim is not willing to meet with VAM at this time. 3/22/2010 – REDACTED came forward and also reported that his brother REDACTED would like to speak with VAM and see about counseling.

Submitted by: REDACTED

ACCUSED NAME: Fr. Michael D. Buckley (RIP) DATE: 3/22/2010

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
Child Abuse Report - Internal Routing Form

This report involves allegations of:

_____ Current Minor and Church Employee/volunteer
_____ Current Minor and Priest
✓ Past Minor and Priest (RIP)
_____ Past Minor and Religious Brother
_____ Past Minor and Religious Sister
_____ Adult/Adult Case
_____ Other

Sexual abuse: ✓
Physical abuse: _____
Harassment: _____
Brief Summary: Sexual abuse of minor 30+ yrs ago

To:

✓✓ Msgr. Michael Meyers - Vicar for Clergy
✓ REDACTED
✓

_____ Other

Submitted by: REDACTED _____ Office: VAM
Date distributed: 4-5-2010
Comments: _____

Revised: 03/12/2009

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING FORM

☐ MANDATORY	☑ NON-MANDATORY
Date Reported to the Archdiocese:	3/22/2010
Reported to Archdiocese by:	Initially it was reported by his brother. REDACTED 3/22/2010 spoke to victim, REDACTED
Alleged Victim :	REDACTED (This is the 4th of 4 brothers alleging abuse by this priest)
Current Address:	REDACTED
Telephone:	
Date of Birth:	12/17/1962
Alleged Perpetrator:	Fr. Michael D. Buckley (RIP)
Reported Date of Incident: (s)	1973-1974
Reported Circumstances of Incident(s):	REDACTED reports a similar account to his other brothers. Fr. Buckley was a friend of the family and very involved while their father was dying. After his father's death, this priest became involved with the family as the male role model. REDACTED reports that Fr. was abusing his two older brothers, REDACTED for several years. When REDACTED became a teenager and his older brothers were not around the house as much, Fr. Michael began to abuse REDACTED The abuse consisted of be long kisses, being fondled and forced to fondle the priest. He said it was not as egregious as the abuse his brothers suffered because REDACTED abuse started about 6 months to a year before people started expressing concern about Fr. Michael's interactions with boys.
Reported Type of Abuse or Neglect:	Sexual
Reports to Public Authorities with dates:	
Comments:	Counseling offered.
Report initiated by:	REDACTED

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting

This report involves:

_____ Current Minor and Church Employee
_____ Current Minor and Priest
__✓__ Past Minor and Priest (RIP)
_____ Past Minor and Religious Brother
_____ Past Minor and Religious Sister
_____ Adult/Adult Case
_____ Other

_____ Current child and parent in home
_____ Current child and adult in/out of home
_____ Current child and other minor at school
_____ Current child and other minor at home
_____ Pregnancy of a minor (indication of coercion or age disparity)

This Abuse was Sexual: ____✓____
This abuse was Physical: _____
There was inappropriate touch: _____
There was harrassment: _____

Confidential Report

Brief Summary: Recovering memories of sexual abuse by Fr Michael Buckley

To:

REDACTED

__2__ Msgr Gonzales (one for CMOB
_____ REDACTED

_____ REDACTED

Submitted by

v distributed 1/10/08

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
NON-MANDATORY

Date of this report to Public Authority:

Name of Public Authority:

Date of this Report to Archdiocese: 1/10/2008

Reported to Archdiocese by: REDACTED

Alleged Victim:

Current Address:

Telephone:

Date of Birth: 11/25/61

Alleged Perpetrator: Fr. Michael Buckley (RIP)

Reported Date of Incident: (s) 1968-1973

Reported Circumstances of Incident(s): REDACTED 3 months ago, started to recall memories of alleged abuse. The abuse started when REDACTED was in about 2nd grade at the family home and as altar servers at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Santa Ana. Abuse of his older brother, REDACTED was reported in 2005. 2008 REDACTED " is remembering Buckley in his underwear and also having his hand on Bill's back beneath his underwear." The priest also took him on outings and he is remembering something happening in a car.

Reported Type of Abuse or Neglect: Sexual Abuse

Comments:
Submitted by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles:
REDACTED

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
NON-MANDATORY

Date of this report to Public Authority:

Name of Public Authority:

Date of this Report to Archdiocese: 1/10/2008

Reported to Archdiocese by: REDACTED

Alleged Victim:

Current Address:

Telephone:

Date of Birth: 11/25/61

Alleged Perpetrator: Fr. Michael Buckley (RIP)

Reported Date of Incident: (s) 19~~68~~70-1973 dates must be 71-73

Reported Circumstances of Incident(s): 3 months ago, REDACTED started to recall memories of alleged abuse. The abuse started when REDACTED was in about 2nd grade at the family home and as altar servers at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Santa Ana. Abuse of his older brother, REDACTED was reported in 2005. 2008 REDACTED " is remembering Buckley in his underwear and also having his hand on REDACTED back beneath his underwear." The priest also took him on outings and he is remembering something happening in a car.

Reported Type of Abuse or Neglect: Sexual Abuse

Comments:

Submitted by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles: REDACTED

INTERNAL REPORT – CONFIDENTIAL

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
SEXUAL ABUSE/MISCONDUCT

Date: 10-17-05 From: REDACTED

Alleged Perpetrator: (1) Buckley REDACTED

Alleged Victim/Complainant: _

Date of Occurrence (as reported): 1973-74

Brief Description: Touching & exposing

REDACTED

(2) REDACTED (1943) EDACTED

Type of Report:

___ Mandatory ✓ Non-Mandatory ___ Anonymous reporter

___ Third-party reporting ___ Incomplete information ___ Attached information

Report sent to:

✓ REDACTED

✓ Msgr. Craig Cox, Vicar for Clergy
[Priests, Deacons, Brothers]

✓ REDACTED

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
Suspected child Abuse Report
REPORTING FORM

Date of this report to Public Authority:	
Name of Public Authority:	Victim reported he talked to Mr. Cooley at the DA's office.
Date of this Report to Archdiocese:	October 17, 2005 by telephone to Archdiocese
Reported to Archdiocese by:	REDACTED
Complainant Name:	
Current Address:	
Telephone:	
Date of Birth:	1/12/62
Alleged Perpetrator:	"Fr. Buckley at St. Mary's, Santa Ana" Immaculate Heart of Mary, Santa Ana Fr. Michael Buckley 1/1971-6/75
Name: (Victim)	REDACTED
Name of Possible Witness:	
Reported Date of Incident: (s)	1973-74
Reported Circumstances of Incident(s):	"I was 11 years old when I started to be an altar boy. Fr. Buckley started touching me. He exposed himself. He said, ' the body is not something to be ashamed of". I told my Dad. And he got angry and confronted him. I never was an altar boy again." "Dad died in 1999."
Reported Type of Abuse or Neglect:	Sexual abuse of a minor under 14 years.
Comments:	REDACTED
	"I called Cooley at the DA's office".
Submitted by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles:	REDACTED